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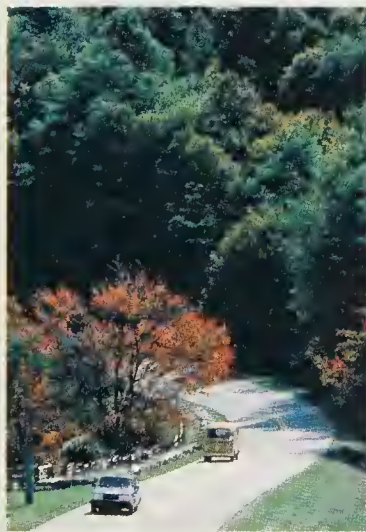
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first person



From our readers



All about citron melons

Better than eggplant

My primary address is in Florida and I have another residence in Sparta. I have a cattle ranch here and the citron melons grow wild in the pastures, and are more edible than what the article you published mentioned ["First Person," January 2000].

If picked off the vines early, before becoming full of seeds, they can be substituted in recipes using eggplant. The taste is very similar but not as bitter as most eggplants. My favorite is French-fried. Once they are matured and full of seeds, it is almost impossible to use them for cooking.

I do not know how far north these plants grow. They are not listed in my Florida gardening book. Most residents here have never seen one unless they have pastures or vacant land.

Elaine Mickler

Holiday, Fla.

Blue Ridge Electric member

Looking for citron melon seeds

In the last magazine we received from our co-op, there was an article about citron melons ["First Person," January 2000]. Does anyone know where I might get seeds for the citrons? I had them at one time and lost them.

We do enjoy the magazine each month.

Mrs. R.B. Smith

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Looking for citron melon recipes

I'm writing concerning the article in the January 2000 issue of Carolina Country magazine about citron.

As the article stated, the citron and watermelon will mix, and this is what has happened to us. It turns out that our watermelon seeds were already mixed with citron when we bought them.

My question is, do you have a recipe for candied citron and one for citron preserves?

Each year consumers pay a fortune for a small container of candied citron for fruitcakes. We also enjoy citron preserves, but I don't have the recipe for them either. Since we have several from our watermelon patch, I would like to do something with them besides throw them away.

Joyce Hedgepeth

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Editor's Note: Mrs. Mozelle Wheeler of Louisburg offers her old family recipe. To make citron preserves, she advises to use 1.5 pound sugar to 1 pound fruit. Cook it down until the fruit is done or until the fruit turns clear and soft.

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Boiled dumplings or saunker pie

In response to a reader's request, Mrs. Evelyn Whisnant of Lawndale sent this note and recipe to a reader looking to make real boiled dumplings.

My mom is no longer with us and couldn't talk the last three years of her life. Mama didn't use a recipe, but following her example and practice I have written down the basics for "boiled" dumplings, or the "saunker pie" I grew up on.

My mom used potatoes (sweet or Irish), sauerkraut, tomatoes, apples, peaches (or any other fruit). For vegetables, she peeled, sliced thin, and cooked with seasoning, leaving plenty of liquid until the dough is done. For fruit, she sliced it real thin (I chop with a food processor).

Needed: 1 stick margarine
1/4 to 1 cup sugar
(or sweetener)
2 to 3 cups fruit
Dough (mix flour, shortening, and milk; roll out like for pie crust and slice into strips.)
4-quart or larger pot

Instructions: Cut margarine into thin slices; put into bottom of pot. Add a layer of fruit, leaving a hole in middle, add more sugar more if sour (I make fruit white), add a layer of dough, leaving hole in middle, repeat layers of fruit, sugar, and dough until pot is almost 3/4 full.

Pour water into center hole until contents are covered. Add lid to pot; boil medium-high until dough is done (check with fork). If you wish, you can turn your oven to "broil" and brown the top of the dumplings. Mama did this if time permitted, and always for company.

The Truckdriver and Grandfather Mountain

By Elizabeth Hunter

He crouched on the pavement next to our car, sucking at the stub of the cigarette burning between his thumb and index finger, cheeks hollowing as if he were drawing his last pure breath. A bald eagle screamed across the front of his black T-shirt; the message encircling a Confederate flag on the crown of his black cap announced he was "American by birth, Southern by the grace of God."

He was pasty-faced and scrawny, with pallid arms and concave chest. When he squinted up at us and spoke, I looked into a mouth that would have been an orthodontist's dream if he'd been born into a family with money or aspirations. Teeth lodged random as buckshot in the thick ridge of his lower jaw, untended as lichen-covered grave-stones. One tooth, marooned above those in front of and behind it, listed like a palm tree on a hurricane-ravaged island. We had passed four groups of fellow Americans who looked nothing like this man: a couple with a baby in a carrier; a silver-haired father in a striped jersey and canvas shorts leading a group of giggling teenagers, a plump mother bringing up the rear. People like that. People like us.

The trail, a little over a mile long and nearly flat, was overhung by blueberry bushes laden with fruit. Laurel and rhododendron closed over our heads in places; the elongated roots of red maple and yellow birch stretched over gray-green boulders.

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what it is in us
that perceives
the one as
beautiful and
the other as ugly.**

Approaching the parking lot, we heard the heavy, vibrating sound of a big truck positioning itself to empty the green dumpsters of rotting potatoes, polyester pantsuits, beer cans and Clorox bottles. The truck sound went on and on, disturbing the peace, reminding us that our hike was almost over. And now this encounter with the driver. I hadn't noticed him walking across the mostly empty lot, had seen only the hulking tractor cab, like the grotesquely magnified head of a white-faced hornet, near the lot's entrance.

The driver ground the cigarette out on the pavement. "What's that trail like?"

The question caught me off guard. But like a preacher with a born-again message to bring a jailed murderer, I sensed an opening, a chance to convert this unlikely soul to hiking. "Beautiful! Easy! Nearly flat. Not very long." I detailed its highlights, the magnificent view at the end of Table Rock, Hawksbill and the rippling ocean of blue-green mountains. I described the mist moving in and out, the berries waiting to be picked.

"I did that one up there," he said when I'd finished, pointing toward the mountain top. "It's beautiful."

"The trail to Calloway? Over the ladders?" I asked incredulously. He nodded.

"Was it hard?" I remembered the steep, jagged outline of the crest trail on the trailhead sign.

"No. It was cool up there. A nice breeze. The perfect day for it. I took the lower trail on the way back. It's harder than the one with the ladders. It's steep, but not hard. You could do it." His voice was alive, warm as rocks in the sun.

"We thought about it, but it looked awfully difficult, so we decided to do this one."

"No. You could make it. Look at me." He gestured at the cigarette butt, at his low-top sneakers.

"You're not carrying around any extra baggage," my companion said, eying his leanness.

"No," he agreed. He shrugged toward the truck. "That's my rig. My friends think I'm crazy, but this is what I like to do on weekends. Get rid of my trailer, come to a place like this. There's nothing to do 'til Monday. I'd driven this area before, saw the sign. Been wanting to come here a long time, and finally did it today."

"Where are you from?"

"Forty miles outside of Nashville."

"Nashville, Tennessee?"

He nodded.

"You drove all the way here for the weekend?"

He shook his head. "I was working in the area."

"I've hiked to Calloway," I said, "but from over on 221, then down the other side on the Profile Trail to 105. That's a good hike."

"I'm going to do that in about three weeks. Going to camp here."

"Have you ever been on the Tanawha Trail? It runs along the Parkway, under the Viaduct."

My voice trailed off, remembering trucks are barred from the Blue Ridge Parkway, feeling as though I'd mentioned the truckerdriver's teeth.

"I don't think I'd like it as well as this," he said.

There was something in the way he said it, an awed exhilaration, that told me he had fallen in love with Grandfather Mountain, helplessly and purely, the way he may at some other time have fallen in love with a woman he struck up a conversation with in a bar.

A flood of images washed over me. I saw him reaching down from his cab to pay the ticket-seller at the Grandfather Mountain gate. I pictured him standing at the bar after the woman had excused herself and left.

I saw him making his way along the crest, looking down, as you do when hiking, at rock as rough and gray-green as his teeth. And I wondered what it is in us that perceives the one as beautiful and the other as ugly, the mountain as something to turn toward, the mouth to turn away from.

The breeze lifted the hair from the nape of his neck, hair I noticed only as he turned to go — rich chestnut tendrils curling the way my baby brother's did before it was cut for the first time.

"I think I'll try that trail," he said. His step was quick as he walked away, his arms flapping awkwardly, the water bottle on his belt the only sign he was a hiker. He bent forward slightly, ardent, intent, off on his second date, secure in the knowledge this new love wouldn't throw him over, despite the heart he wore on his sleeve.

That night I lay in the dark and thought again of the truck driver. I saw his blue eyes, his pretty hair, the disaster of a mouth, his gaunt limbs, the yearning spirit, the aching loneliness that propelled him toward us, gripped by an absolute need to share the unwieldy joy Grandfather

Mountain had bestowed upon him. I thought of him in the steel cocoon of his rig waiting for the weekend, when he'd alight again butterfly-like on Grandfather or any other peak. They'd all have him. They were open as flowers for him. Beyond the drone of katydids, they awaited his gentle feet in sneakers.

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View from Grandfather Mountain

Hanging Out at Hanging Rock

By Malinda Fillingim

I wasn't really a bad kid, just a typical, bored teenager with little to do in my hometown of Walnut Cove, N.C. School provided a few hours of something to do, but how long can you sit conjugating Latin verbs?

On a really boring day, say any day between Monday and Friday, I was tempted to start up my 1969 white, Volkswagen bug and head up to the Sauratown Mountain range I had grown to love. The winding, unpopulated roads invited me to explore and dream of what life had in store for me. Best of all, these roads led me to a haven for my soul, Hanging Rock State Park in Danbury.

My little Volkswagen had a rough time climbing those hills, but once there, I let it rest and I did all the hard climbing. Moore's Knob Trail was my favorite because I knew that at the end of this long hike, I could sit on top of the old fire lookout tower my uncles had helped build with the local CCC. I'd sit there, looking at the birds, the leaves changing color, the farm land, the clouds, and imagine wild stories that would never come true. I'd end the hike with a splash in the stream at the trail's bottom. Watching fall leaves float by somehow seemed exciting to me.

Once I did a major faux pax. I crossed over to the closed beach area and waded out into the water. I was ready for summer, the splashing, the canoes, the sounds of people laughing in the water. Trouble was, the calendar said May, not June. And I still had a few more weeks to wait.

Sometimes my friends and I would have a hot dog roast in the middle of a cold, winter's day. The fire

would warm us and we would eat more marshmallows than a stomach could hold. The Lower Cascades look different when the weather freezes your spit.

They move slower, in rhythm with the life around them. Winter was a time of reflection for humans and nature.

Summers brought out the tent and the trailer. My parents and I would travel the few miles from Walnut Cove to Hanging Rock and make camp. Even though we were close to home, it felt like a million miles away. I liked sleeping outside, with no tent, nothing between me and the sky. It made me feel closer to God somehow, as if God were singing me a lullaby with His nature.

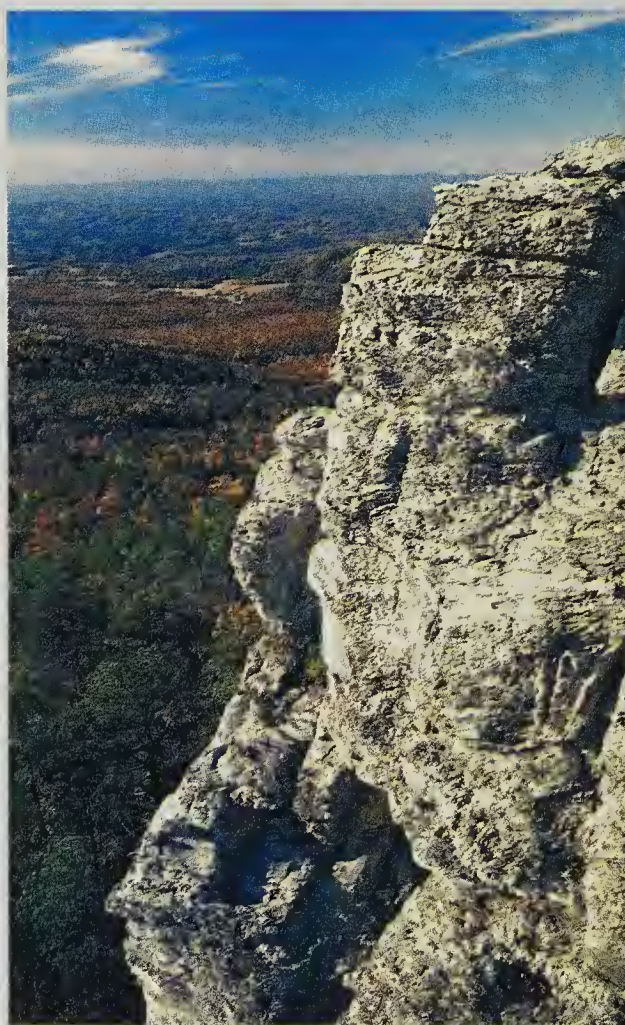
Hanging Rock was etched in my heart at a young age and has grown deeper with time. My husband and I had our first date at the park. He was a city slicker, and I wanted to make sure he could camp and hike before I agreed to marry him. And as soon as my daughters were old

enough to walk, I brought them to Hanging Rock. With a little help, they too made the hikes, enjoyed the camping, and relished in the umbrella of fall leaves.

Once as we approached Hanging Rock on a misty day, my 3-year-old niece asked me, "Does God live here?" I laughed and said, "Yes, dear, God hangs out here."

"I thought so," she answered.

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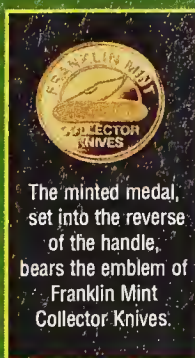
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Why does a deer race across Interstate 40 near Greensboro when it could dance alone on a pretty back road in Yadkin County?

It could be, simply, that they know what they like when they see it.

Or, they might be tourists.

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People travel the 200 miles of North Carolina's Interstate 95 on their way to and from Florida, and in those few hours they pass through eight counties, but they see only a small part of the state. Years ago, when they made that trip along U.S. 301, they saw a lot more, and they may have appreciated North Carolina more that way, too.

The more you see of North Carolina, the greater your appreciation becomes.

You could spend a day or two in Lexington and learn something about Carolina barbecue and making furniture. But you'd need more time to learn about the Catawba Indians, Yadkin College and the Southern Railway's Spencer Shops.

It's the same in, say, Hyde County, where you might learn about snow geese and tundra swans in a day or two, but what about the story of O.A. Peay, or paddling the broad waterways or finding the best tomatoes and crabmeat? You'd need more time for that.

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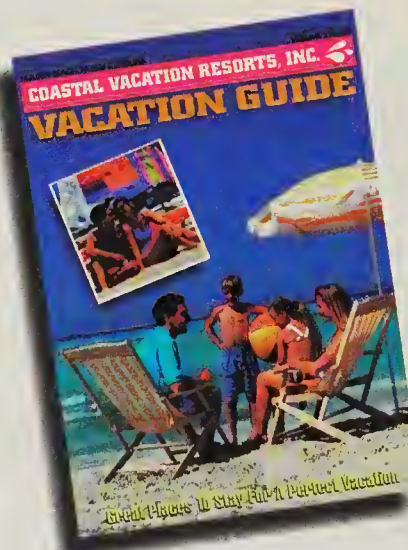
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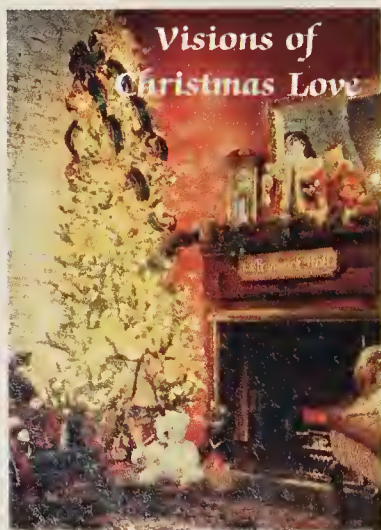
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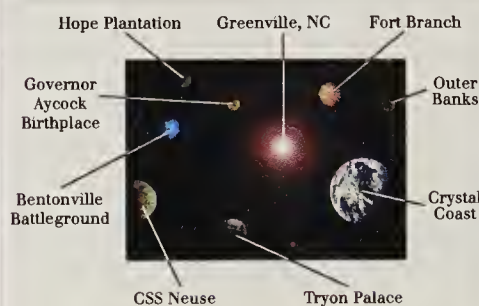
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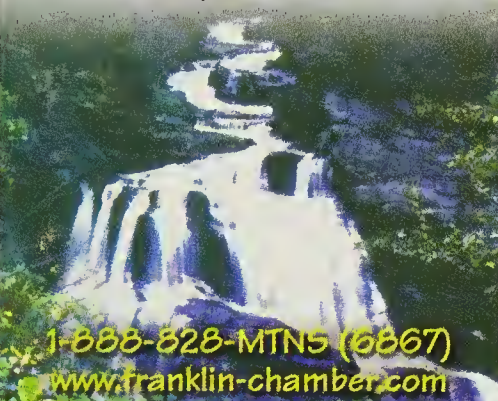
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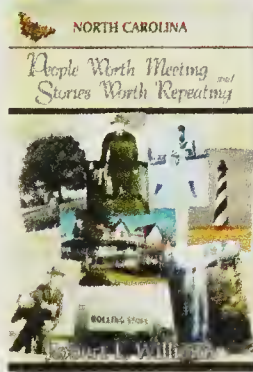
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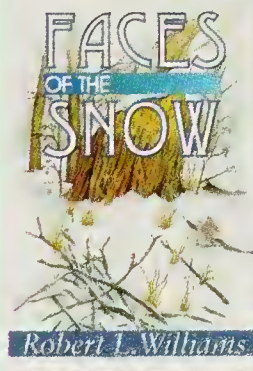
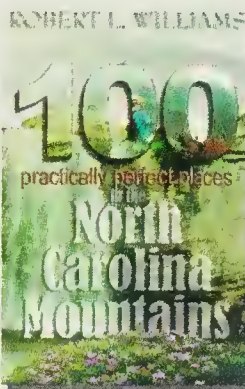
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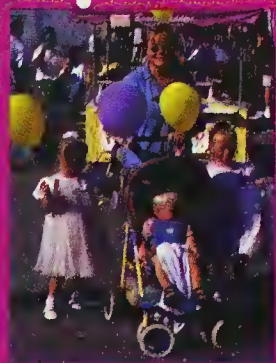
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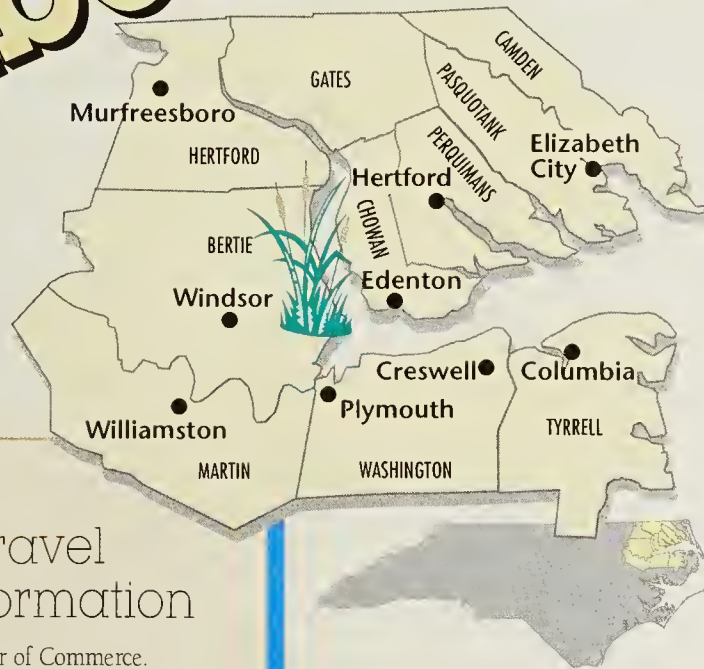
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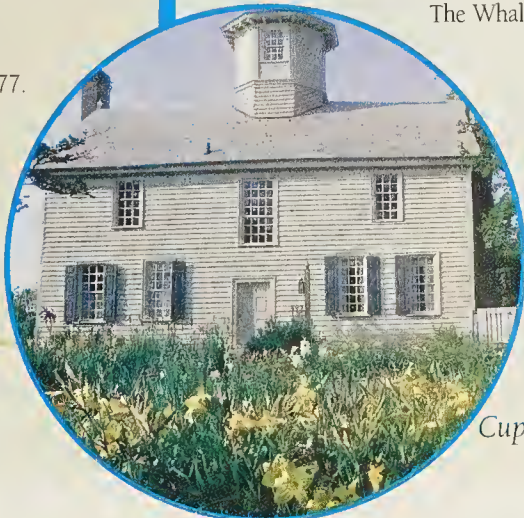
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New Bern Area. (800) 437-5767.
Ocracoke Visitor Center. (252) 928-4531. www.ocracoke-nc.com
Outer Banks Chamber. (252) 441-8144.
Outer Banks Visitors Bureau. (800) 446-6262 / (252) 473-2138.
N.C. Ferries. (800) BY-FERRY.
Pamlico County. (252) 745-4171.
Washington-Beaufort County. (252) 946-9168.
Washington County. (252) 793-4804.



Culture and Recreation

Attmore-Oliver House, New Bern. Built in 1790. (252) 638-8558.
Aurora Fossil Museum, Aurora. Geology of the coastal plain. (252) 322-4238.
Bank of Arts, New Bern. Home of the Craven Arts Council and Gallery. (252) 638-2577.
Belhaven Memorial Museum. Unusual collection. (252) 943-3055.
Bogue Inlet Fishing Pier, Emerald Isle. (252) 354-2919.
Carteret County Museum of History, Morehead City. (252) 247-7533. www.nccoast.com/museum.htm
Coastal Engineering Research Center, Duck. 800-ft. research pier.
Colington Island. Site of the first permanent settlement on the Outer Banks.
Core Sound Waterfowl Museum, Harkers Island. (252) 728-1500. www.coresound.com
Elizabethan Gardens, Roanoke Island. A memorial to English colonists. (252) 473-3234.
The Fireman's Museum, New Bern. (252) 636-4087.
Frisco Native American Museum and Natural History Center. (252) 995-4440.
Gull Rock Game Land. (919) 733-7291.
Hatteras Fishing Center. The island's largest marina. (252) 986-2365.
Historic Bath Tour. (252) 923-3971.

"The Lost Colony." Outdoor symphonic drama, in summer, Roanoke Island. (800) 488-5012 / (252) 473-3414.
Oregon Inlet Campground. Run by the National Park Service. (252) 473-2111.
Oregon Inlet Fishing Center. Center of sportfishing on the Outer Banks. (800) 272-5199 / (252) 441-6301.
The New Bern Civic Theatre. (252) 633-0567.
New Bern Historic Trolley Car Tour. (800) 849-7316.
North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores. (252) 247-4003. www.aquariums.state.nc.us/Aquariums
North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island. (252) 473-3494.
North Carolina Maritime Museum, Beaufort. (252) 728-7317. wwwah.dcr.state.nc.us/maritime/default.htm
Ocracoke Campground. Run by the National Park Service. (800) 365-CAMP.
Ocracoke Pony Pens. About six miles from Hatteras ferry landing.
Tryon Palace and Gardens, New Bern. Home of William Tryon, governor of the colony. (800) 767-1560 / (252) 638-5109.
"Worthy Is the Lamb." Musical drama at Crystal Coast Amphitheatre, Swansboro, during summer. (252) 393-8373 / (800) 662-5960.

Outer Banks & Pamlico



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Ponies on Ocracoke

Parks, Monuments, Historic Sites

Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge.
(252) 473-1131.

Beaufort Historic Site. Historic houses.
(252) 728-5225/(800) 575-SITE.
www.historicbeaufort.com

Bodie Island Lighthouse, south of Nags Head.
(252) 441-5711.

British Cemetery, Ocracoke. Memorial to four British sailors.

Cape Hatteras Lighthouse and Hatteras Island Visitor Center. Tallest lighthouse in the U.S.
(252) 995-4474.

Cape Hatteras National Seashore. 75 miles.
(252) 473-2111.

Cape Lookout Lighthouse. (252) 728-2250.

Cape Lookout National Seashore, Harkers Island office. (252) 728-2250. www.nps.gov/cal

Carrot Island/Rachel Carson Estuarine Reserve. Across Taylor's Creek from the Beaufort waterfront.
(252) 728-2170. www.ncnerr.org/cerf

Cedar Island National Wildlife Refuge.
(252) 225-2511.

Chicamacomico Lifesaving Station, Rodanthe.
Restoration. (252) 987-2405.

Corolla Chapel, Currituck. Century-old chapel.
(252) 441-7220.

Corolla Post Office and General Store.
www.currituckchamber.org

Croatan National Forest. Southwest of New Bern.
(252) 638-5628.

Currituck Banks National Marine Estuarine Reserve.
(252) 429-3100.

Currituck County Jail, one of the state's oldest.
(252) 232-2525.

Currituck Courthouse. www.co.currituck.nc.us
Currituck National Wildlife Refuge, Knotts Island.
(252) 429-3100.

Currituck Beach Lighthouse, Corolla. (252) 453-8152.
Elizabeth II State Historic Site, Manteo.
Reproduction of a 16th century English sailing vessel. (252) 475-1500.

Fort Macon State Park. Off N.C. 58. One of the 10 most-visited state parks in the country.
(252) 726-3775. www.clis.com/friends

Fort Raleigh National Historic Site. Sir Walter Raleigh's "lost" colony. Roanoke Island.
(252) 473-5772.

Goose Creek State Park. Washington.
(252) 923-2192.

Hammocks Beach State Park. Accessible by ferry off N.C. 24. (910) 326-4881.

Historic Albemarle Tour. (800) 734-1117.

Historic Corolla. (252) 453-9040.

Historic Ocracoke. (252) 928-7375.

Jockey's Ridge State Park, Nags Head. East Coast's highest sand dune. (252) 441-7132.

Lake Landing Driving Tour.

(252) 925-5201/(888) HYDE-VAN.

Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge, adjacent to Knotts Island. (252) 429-3100.

Mattamuskeet/Swan Quarter National Wildlife Refuge.
(252) 926-4021.

Mattamuskeet Lodge. (252) 926-1422.

Nags Head Woods Preserve. (252) 441-2525.

Neuse River Recreation Area. (252) 638-5628.

Ocracoke Lighthouse. (252) 928-4531.

Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge. Bird sanctuary.
(252) 473-1131.

Portsmouth Village. Uninhabited 18th century ship-ping village maintained by the National Park Service. (252) 728-2250.

Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge.
(252) 797-4431.

Saint Thomas Episcopal Church, Bath. Oldest church in North Carolina.

Theodore Roosevelt State Natural Area. Between Atlantic Beach and Pine Knoll Shores.
(252) 726-3775.

Whalehead Club, Ocean Trail, Corolla. 28.5 acres of land open to public. (252) 453-9040.
www.whalehead.com

Wright Brothers National Memorial, Kill Devil Hills. Site of first airplane flight. (252) 441-7430.

East Front Street, facing Harbour. BEAUFORT, N. C.



Electric Cooperatives

Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative (Buxton). (252) 995-5616.

Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative (Morehead City).
(252) 247-3107.

Harkers Island EMC (Harkers Island). (252) 728-2593.

Tideland EMC (Pantego, Grantsboro, Ocracoke, Engelhard).
(252) 943-3046.



The small houses, built by seamen used to working in limited quarters, were made even smaller by the expanse of marsh weed and scrub loblolly stretching away to the sound.

William Least Heat Moon



Travel Information

Bald Head Island Information Center. (800) 234-1666.
 Burgaw Area. (910) 259-9817.
 Cape Fear Coast Convention and Visitors Bureau, (Wilmington, Carolina Beach, Kure Beach, Wrightsville Beach). (800) 222-4757 / (910) 341-4030. www.cape-fear.nc.us
 Greater Hampstead. (910) 270-9642.
 Greater Jacksonville-Onslow. (910) 347-3141.
 Greater Topsail Area. (800) 626-2780.
 Greater Wilmington. (910) 762-2611.
 NC Brunswick Islands, Shallotte. (800) 795-7263. www.ncbrunswick.com
 Onslow County Tourism (Topsail Island, Swansboro, Jacksonville). (800) 932-2144.
www.onslowcountytourism.com
 Pleasure Island (Carolina Beach, Kure Beach, Fort Fisher). (910) 458-8434.
 South Brunswick Islands, Shallotte. (800) 426-6644 / (910) 754-6644.
www.sbhichamber.com
 Southeastern Welcome Center, Inc. (910) 754-2505.
 Southport-Oak Island. (800) 457-6964 / (910) 457-6964.
www.oakisland.com/chamber
 Southport 2000 Visitor Center, Southport. (800) 388-9635
 Swansboro. (910) 326-1174.



Battleship North Carolina

Culture and Recreation

Airlie Gardens. Off U.S. 74. (910) 452-6393.
 Burgwin-Wright House, Wilmington. Colonial gentleman's townhouse. (910) 762-0570.
 Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Base. Free self-guided tours of 25 historic sites. (910) 451-2197.
 Cape Fear Museum, Wilmington. Social and natural history of the Lower Cape Fear area. (910) 341-4350.
 Chandler's Wharf, Wilmington. Riverfront shopping and dining.
 Coastal Plains Raceway, Jacksonville. NASCAR-sanctioned 4/10-mile oval track. (910) 455-3555. www.coastalplainsraceway.com
 The Cotton Exchange. North Front Street, Wilmington. Specialty shops and restaurants.
 Crystal Coast Amphitheatre, Swansboro. International Choral Fest in May; Worthy is the Lamb Outdoor Drama in summer. (800) 622-6278.
 Greenfield Gardens. U.S. 421 south. (910) 341-7855.
 Horse-drawn Carriage and Trolley Tours. Wilmington. (910) 251-8889.
 Lynwood Park Zoo. Hwy 258/24 Jacksonville. Land mammals, exotic birds, waterfowl, hoofed stock. (910) 938-5848.
 Mike's Farm. Richlands. Hayrides, colonial living. (910) 324-3422.

Museum of Coastal Carolina. Ocean Isle Beach. Natural history of coastal North and South Carolina. (910) 579-1016.
 North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher. (910) 458-8257.
 Odell Williamson Auditorium. Brunswick Community College, Supply. (910) 754-3133.
 Onslow County Museum. Richlands. Cultural and natural history. (910) 324-5008.
 Opera House Theatre Company, Wilmington. (910) 762-4234.
 Orton Plantation Gardens. South of Wilmington on N.C. 133. Former rice plantation. (910) 371-6851.
 Poplar Grove Historic Plantation. U.S. 17 at Scotts Hill. (910) 686-9989.
 Riverboat Cruises. Wilmington. (800) 676-0162.
 St. John's Museum of Art, Wilmington. Encompassing the former St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. (910) 763-0281.
 N.C. Maritime Museum of Southport. (910) 457-0003.
 Southport Municipal Pier. Howe Street on the Cape Fear River.
 Thalian Hall Center for the Performing Arts. Wilmington. (910) 343-3664.
 Wilmington Adventure Walking Tours. (910) 763-1785.
 The Wilmington Railroad Museum. (910) 763-2634.
 Latimer House Museum, Wilmington. Victorian era Italianate Revival residence. (910) 762-0492.

South Coast



Parks, Monuments, Historic Sites

Bald Head Island Lighthouse. Accessible by ferry.
 The Battleship "North Carolina," Wilmington. Renovated World War II battleship. (910) 251-5797. www.battleshipnc.com
 Beirut Memorial Wall, Jacksonville. Honors 273 killed in October 1983 bombing. (800) 932-2144.
 Brunswick Town State Historic Site. First settlement in the Cape Fear area. (910) 371-6613.
 Carolina Beach State Park. U.S. 421. (910) 458-8206.
 Fort Fisher Historic Site & Museum. Civil War site. (910) 458-5538.
 Hammocks Beach State Park, Off NC 24. 890-acre barrier island with primitive camping, lifeguards and nature study. (910) 326-4881.
 Moores Creek National Battlefield, Currie. US 421 north of Wilmington. Revolutionary War site. (910) 283-5591.

Electric Cooperatives

Brunswick EMC (Shallotte, Whiteville, Oak Island, Bolivia). (910) 754-4391.
 Four County EMC (Burgaw, Elizabethtown, Rose Hill). (910) 259-2171.
 Jones-Onslow EMC (Jacksonville, Sneads Ferry). (910) 353-1940.

Wilmington waterfront



Historic Halifax

Roanoke Rapids to Kinston



Culture and Recreation

Arts Council of Wilson. (252) 291-4329.
 Atkinsons Mill. 240-year-old operating grist mill, outside Selma. Tours. (919) 965-3547.
 Ava Gardner Museum. All about the legendary actress and county native. Smithfield. (919) 934-5830.
 Blount-Bridgers House, Tarboro. 1808 plantation home includes the Hobson Pittman Memorial Art Gallery. (252) 823-4159.
 Boyette-Slade and School House. Historic, one-room log house. Kenly. (919) 284-2911.
 Buck Spring Plantation, Warrenton. Home of early political leader. (252) 257-3640.
 Caswell No. 1 Fire Station Museum. Kinston. (252) 527-1566.
 Community Council for the Arts, Kinston. Galleries, studios, historic district. (252) 527-2517.
 Country Doctor Museum. Only such museum in the U.S. Bailey. (252) 235-4165.
 East Carolina Village of Yesteryear, Greenville. Agricultural life of the area from 1840-1940. On county fairgrounds. (252) 329-4200.
 Factory Stores of America. Headquarters and over 64 outlets. Smithfield. (919) 934-9446.
 "First For Freedom," Halifax. Outdoor drama about the Halifax Resolves. (800) 522-4282.
 Greenville Museum of Art. Features permanent collection of 19th and 20th century American art and the state's largest public collection of Jugtown Pottery. (252) 758-1946.
 Grifton Depot, Grifton. 1920 railroad depot. (252) 524-5169.
 Grifton Historical Museum, Grifton. Exhibits include pre-historic and Tuscarora Indian artifacts. (252) 524-5168.
 Harmony Hall, Kinston. Once owned by 1770s Gov. Richard Caswell. (252) 522-0421.
 Heritage Place, Kinston. Lenoir Community College. (252) 527-6223.
 Independence Station. Halifax. Co-op gallery of crafters and artisans. (252) 583-2278.

Imagination Station, Wilson. Hands-on museum geared to children. (252) 291-5113.
 Johnston County Heritage Center. Smithfield (919) 934-8146.
 JR's Tobacco & Fragrance Outlet. Selma. (919) 965-5055.
 Kinston Bluegrass Association. (252) 527-1066.
 Kinston Indians. Minor league baseball. (252) 527-9111.
 Lakeland Cultural Arts Center, Littleton. Year-round dinner theater. (252) 586-3124.
 Pitt County Arts Council. (252) 757-1785.
 Robert Lee Humber House, Greenville. Contains eastern office of state Division of Archives and History. (252) 830-6580.
 Selma Antiques Mecca. Over 15 antique stores. (919) 965-9841.
 Selma Railroad Depot. Historic Amtrak station. (919) 965-9841.
 Southern National Speedway. Kenly. NASCAR April-October. (919) 284-1114.
 Spring Hope Historical Museum. (252) 478-3213.
 Stonewall, Rocky Mount. 1830 plantation house with furnishings. (252) 443-4148.
 Tarboro Historic District & National Recreation Trail. For a guide: (800) TARBORO.
 Tobacco Farm Life Museum, Kenly. (919) 284-3431.
 Wayne County Museum, Goldsboro. (919) 734-5023.
 Wilson Theatre-Grady Building, Wilson. Vaudeville theater under restoration. (252) 291-8281.

Travel Information

Benson. (919) 894-3825.
 Wayne County. (919) 734-2241.
 Clayton. (919) 553-6352.
 Eastern N.C. Chamber of Commerce. (919) 237-5151.
 Farmville. (919) 753-4670.
 Greater Smithfield-Selma Area. (919) 934-9166.
 Greenville/Pitt County Convention & Visitors Bureau. (800) 537-5564.
 Halifax County Tourism. (800) 522-4282. www.visithalifax.com
 Johnston County Visitors Bureau. (800) 441-7829.
 Kenly. (919) 284-5113.
 Kinston-Lenoir County. (252) 527-1131.
 Kinston Convention & Visitors Bureau. (252) 523-2500.
 Lagrange. (252) 527-1131.
 Mt. Olive Area. (919) 658-3113.
 Nash County Travel & Tourism Council. (800) 849-6825.
 N.C. Welcome Center (I-95 North). (252) 537-9836.
 N.C. Welcome Center (I-85 North). (252) 456-3236.
 Roanoke Valley. (800) 522-4282.
 Rocky Mount/Nash County Visitors Bureau. (800) 849-6825. www.RockyMountTravel.com
 Scotland Neck. (252) 826-3917.
 Tarboro-Edgecombe County. (252) 823-7241.
 Wilson. (252) 237-0165.
 Wilson Visitors Bureau. (800) 497-7398 / (252) 243-8440



Parks, Monuments, Historic Sites

Mule Days in Benson

Bentonville Battleground, Four Oaks. Site of N.C.'s largest land Civil War battle. (910) 594-0789.

Charles B. Aycock Birthplace, Freemont. 1846 coastal cottage where the governor was born. (919) 242-5581.

Clemmons State Forest. Educational forest in Clayton. (919) 553-5651.

Cliffs of the Neuse State Park, Seven Springs. 751 acres riverfront. (919) 778-6234.

College View Historic District, Greenville. An example of early 20th century residential neighborhood, featuring Craftsman Bungalow, American Toursquare and Spanish Revival. (252) 329-4487.

CSS Ram Neuse State Historic Site and Richard Caswell Memorial, near Kinston. Restored remains of Neuse ironclad vessel. (252) 522-2091.

Historic Albemarle Tour. (800) 734-1117.

Historic Halifax. Restored buildings, film, exhibits and guided tours of historic places. (252) 583-7191.

Historic Jackson. (252) 534-3811.

Historic Tarboro. (252) 823-4159

May Museum and Park, Farmville. May family artifacts and large quilt collection. (252) 753-5814.

Medoc Mountain State Park, Halifax County. 2,287 acres, picnicking, canoeing, camping. (252) 445-2280.

Neuseway Nature Park and Campground. Kinston. (252) 939-3367.

Roanoke Canal Trail. Roanoke Rapids. Seven-miles along early 19th century canal. (252) 965-9841.

River Park North, Greenville. (252) 830-4562.

Waynesborough State Park, Goldsboro. 142 acres. (919) 580-5391.

Wilbur A. Tyndall Tractor Museum, Pink Hill. (252) 568-3261.



Electric Cooperatives

Edgecombe-Martin County EMC (Tarboro). (252) 823-2171.

Halifax EMC (Enfield). (252) 445-5111.

Pitt & Greene EMC (Farmville). (252) 753-3128.

Roanoke Electric Cooperative (Rich Square). (252) 539-2236.

Tri-County EMC (Dudley). (919) 735-2611.

Just the faintest, faintest
sound of big trucks rolling out
the night on 301, about
twelve miles away, and of
course the distant occasional
diesel baugh of the Atlantic
Coast Line passenger and
freight trains.

Jack Kerouac

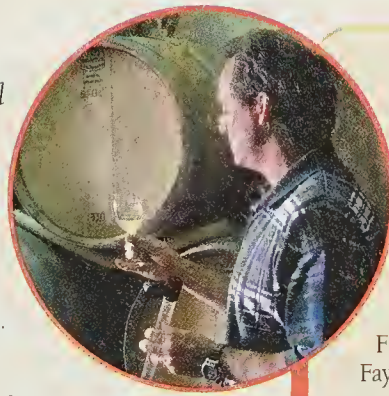


Bentonville Battleground, Four Oaks

Culture and Recreation

Cowan Museum, Kenansville. (910) 296-2149.
 Duplin County 250th anniversary celebration.
 (800) 755-1755.
 Duplin County Southern Plantations Tours,
 Kenansville. (910) 296-1000.
 Duplin County Veterans Museum, Warsaw. In L.P. Best
 House. (910) 293-2190.
 Duplin Wine Cellars. U.S. 117, Rose Hill.
 (910) 289-3888.
 Elwell Ferry, Bladen County. (910) 862-3396.
 Fascinate-U Children's Museum, Fayetteville.
 (910) 433-1573.
 Flora Macdonald Campus and Gardens, Red Springs.
 (910) 843-5000.
 Fort Bragg Military Reservation and 82nd
 Airborne Division War Memorial.
 (910) 432-3443. www.bragg.army.mil
 John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Museum, Ft. Bragg.
 (910) 432-1533.
 Liberty Hall Plantation, Kenansville.
 (910) 296-2175.

Museum of the Cape Fear
 Historical Complex,
 Fayetteville. (910) 486-1330.
 N.C. Indian Cultural Center,
 Pembroke. (910) 521-2433.
 UNC-Pembroke and American Indian
 Resource Center. (910) 521-6266.
 Pope Air Force Base. Limited tours.
 (910) 394-4183. www.pope.af.mil
 Robeson County Historical Showcase Museum,
 Lumberton. (910) 738-7979.
 Robeson County Planetarium. (910) 739-3302.
 The Southerland House, Kenansville. Duplin County
 Civil War Collection.
 (910) 296-1000 (by appointment).
 World's Largest Frying Pan. Town Square, Rose Hill.



Travel Information

Clinton Area. (910) 592-6177.
 Duplin County Tourism.
 (800) 755-1755/ (910) 296-2180.
 Elizabethtown-White Lake.
 (910) 862-4368.
 Fair Bluff. (910) 649-7202.
 Fayetteville Area C of C. (910) 483-8133.
www.foto.com/chamber
 Fayetteville Area Convention & Visitors
 Bureau. (800) 255-8217/
 (910) 483-5311. www.facvb.com
 Fayetteville Historic Resources
 Commission. (910) 433-1612.
 Fayetteville Partnership. (910) 483-2073.
 Greater Chadbourn. (910) 654-3445.
 Greater Whiteville. (800) 538-2449/
 (910) 642-3171.
 Hope Mills. (910) 423-4314.
 Kenansville Area. (910) 296-2180.
 Lumberton Visitors Bureau.
 (800) 359-6971/ (910) 739-9999.
www.i95travel.com
 Pembroke. (910) 521-9758.
 Red Springs. (910) 843-5441.
 Saint Pauls. (910) 865-3890.
 Spring Lake. (910) 497-8821.
 Tabor City. (910) 653-2031.
 Wallace. (910) 285-4044.
 Warsaw. (910) 293-7804.

Parks, Monuments, Historic Sites

Bladen Lakes Educational State Forest,
 Elizabethtown. (910) 588-4964.
 Cabin Lake Recreational Park, Beulaville.
 (910) 298-3648.
 Fayetteville Market House. A historic market building
 landmark.
 Heritage Square, Fayetteville. (910) 483-6009.
 Jones Lake State Park, Elizabethtown. (910) 588-4550.

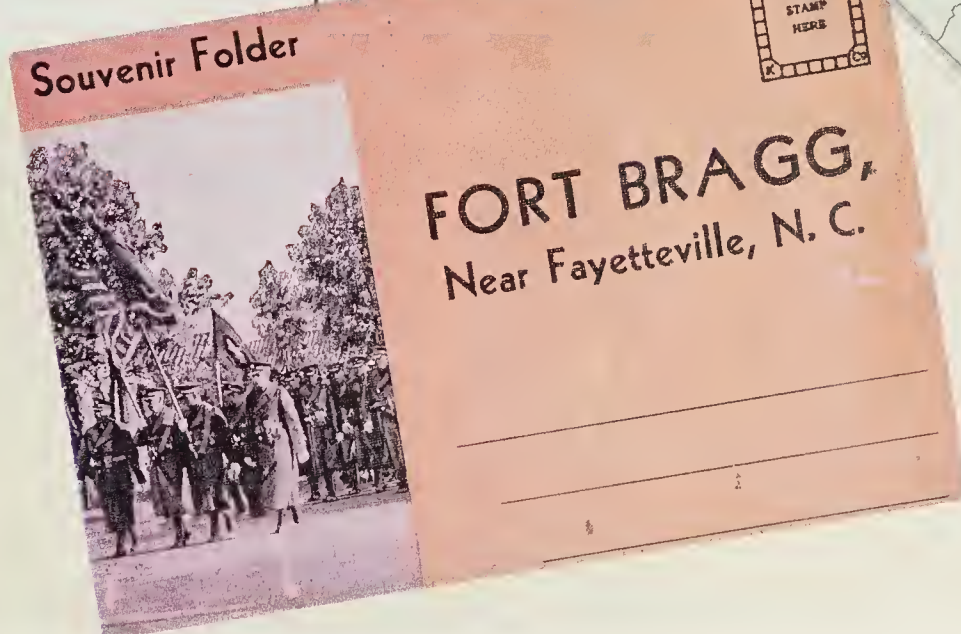
Lake Waccamaw State Park. (910) 646-4748.
 Lumber River State Park, Orrum. (910) 628-9844.
 Moores Creek National Battlefield, Currie.
 Revolutionary War site. (910) 283-5591.
 Singletary Lake State Park, Kelly. (910) 669-2928.
 Turn Bull Creek Educational State Forest,
 Elizabethtown. (910) 588-4161.

Babe Ruth said later
 in his career that he
 had been to some bigger
 places than Fayetteville,
 but darn few as exciting.

Elizabeth Simpson
 Smith



Pine Plains



Electric Cooperatives

Brunswick EMC (Shallotte, Whiteville, Oak
 Island, Bolivia). (910) 754-4391.
 Four County EMC (Burgaw, Elizabethtown,
 Rose Hill). (910) 259-2171.
 Lumbee River EMC (Red Springs, Fairmont
 Lake Rim, Laurinburg, Lumberton,
 Raeford). (910) 843-4131.
 South River EMC (Dunn, Stedman,
 Anderson Creek). (910) 892-8071.

Travel Information



William B. Umstead
State Park, Raleigh

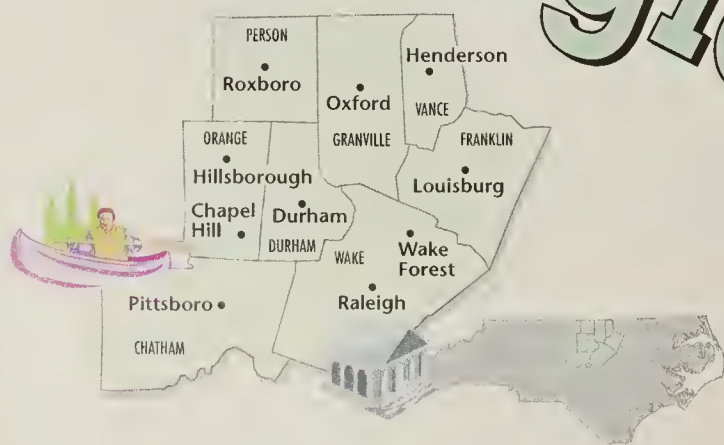
Apex. (919) 362-6456.
Cary. (919) 467-1016.
Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce. (919) 967-7075.
Chapel Hill/Orange County Visitors Bureau. (888) 968-2060 / (919) 968-2060. www.chocvb.org
Chatham County. (919) 742-3333.
Durham Convention and Visitors Bureau. (919) 680-8320/(800) 446-8604. www.durham-nc.com
Franklin County. (919) 496-3056.
Fuquay-Varina Area. (919) 552-4947.
Garner. (919) 772-6440.
Granville County. (919) 693-6125.
Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce. (919) 682-2133. www.herald-sun.com/dcc
Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce. (919) 664-7000. www.raleighchamber.org
Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau. (800)849-8499/(919)834-5900. www.raleighcvb.org
Henderson-Vance County. (919) 438-8414.
Hillsborough Area. (919) 732-7741.
Holly Springs Town Hall. (919) 552-6221.
Knightdale Chamber. (919) 266-4603.
Morrisville. (919) 380-9026.
Rolesville Town Hall. (919) 556-3506.
Roxboro Area. (910) 599-8333.
Wake Forest Area. (919) 556-1519.
Wendell. (919) 365-6318.
Zebulon. (919) 269-6320.

Parks, Monuments, Historic Sites

Ayr Mount, Hillsborough. One of NC's finest federal period plantation houses. (919) 732-6886.
B. Everett Jordan Lake. U.S. 64. 47,000-acre recreational lake. (919) 362-0586.
Bennett Place State Historic Site, Durham. Meeting place for Civil War generals. (919) 383-4345. www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/sections/hs/bennett/bennett.htm
Burwell School, Hillsborough. Historic school and formal gardens. (919) 732-7741.
Duke Forest, Durham. 8,300-acre natural area and environmental laboratory. (919) 613-8013.
Duke Homestead and Tobacco Museum, Durham. Ancestral home of the Duke family. (919) 477-5498. <http://metalab.unc.edu/dukehome>
Eno River State Park/West Point on the Eno. North Durham. (919) 383-1686.
Executive Mansion (Governor's residence), Raleigh. (919) 733-3456.
Falls Lake. Northwest of Raleigh. (919) 676-1027.
Historic Stagville, Durham. Center for the study and teaching of preserving wooden buildings. (919)477-9835. www.ah.dcr.nc.us/sections/do/stagville/default.htm
Kerr Reservoir. 50,000-acre park extending into Virginia. North of Henderson. (919) 438-7791.
Lake Wheeler. South of Raleigh. (919) 662-5704.
Mordecai Historic Park, Raleigh. (919) 834-4844.

Montrose Gardens, Hillsborough. Nationally-known 19th century gardens. (919) 732-7787.
N.C. State Legislative Building. (919) 733-7928.
North Carolina Botanical Garden, Chapel Hill. Off U.S. 15-501 Bypass. (919) 962-0522. www.unc.edu/depts/ncbg
North Carolina Collection Gallery, Chapel Hill. Exhibits on NC history and University of North Carolina history. (919) 962-1172. www.lib.unc.edu/ncc/gallery.html
J.C. Raulston Arboretum at NC State, Raleigh. (919) 515-3132.
Pullen Park, Raleigh. Features a restored 1911 Dentzel carousel. (919) 831-6468.
Ruffin-Roulhac House, Hillsborough. Early 19th century house with notable interior woodwork, was once owned by Chief Justice Thomas Ruffin. (919) 732-2104.
The State Capitol. (919) 733-4994.
Sarah P. Duke Gardens. At Duke University, Durham. 55 landscaped areas. (919) 684-5579. www.hr.duke.edu/dukegardens/
University Lake, Chapel Hill. (919) 942-8007. www.owasa.org
William B. Umstead State Park. (919) 571-4170.

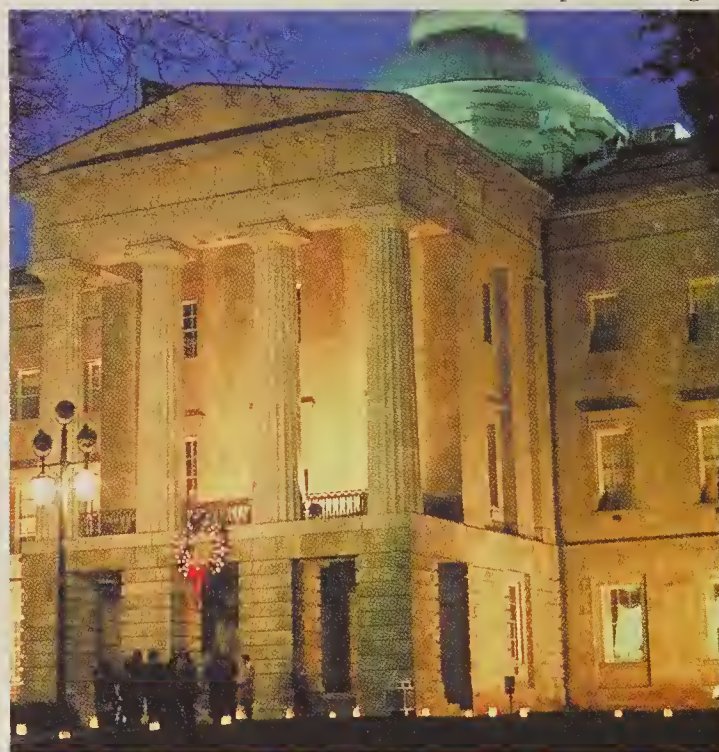
Triangle



Electric Cooperatives

Piedmont EMC (Hillsborough, Roxboro). (919) 732-2123.
Wake EMC (Wake Forest, Zebulon). (919) 554-6300.

State Capitol, Raleigh





CS - Air view showing Center Section of Campus University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.



State Farmer's Market, Raleigh

Culture and Recreation

Ackland Art Museum, Chapel Hill.

(919) 966-5736. www.ackland.org

African-American Cultural Complex.

Raleigh. Exhibits contributions to the state and nation. (919) 231-0625.

ArtsCenter. Performances, concerts, dancing, art. Carrboro. (919) 929-2787.

Artspace. Gallery with artists' studios. Raleigh. (919) 821-2787.

Best of Broadway Theatre Series, Raleigh. Raleigh Memorial Auditorium. (919) 834-4000.

Capital Area Visitor Center. Information center for Raleigh's state-owned, cultural and historic attractions. (919) 733-3456.

Carolina Ballet. (919) 303-6303.

Carolina Hurricanes, Raleigh. Professional hockey. (919) 467-7825.

Carolina Memorabilia Room, Chapel Hill. Dean E. Smith Center. (919) 962-7777. www.smithcenter.unc.edu

Carolina Mudcats, Zebulon. Class AA farm team of the Colorado Rockies. (919) 269-2287.

Carolina Theatre, Durham. Film festivals to live performances. (919) 560-3040. www.carolinatheatre.org/

Carolina Union Performing Arts Series,

Chapel Hill. Live performances, concerts, dance. (919) 962-1449.

www.unc.edu/depts/union

Carrboro Farmers Market. (336) 376-6320. www.carrborofarmersmarket.com

Cedar Creek Craft Gallery, Creedmoor. (919) 528-1041.

Chapel Hill Museum. (919) 967-1400.

City Market, Raleigh. Spanish mission-style 1914 marketplace. (919) 828-4555.

Duke University, Durham.

(919) 684-2323. www.duke.edu

Duke University Museum of Art, Durham. (919) 684-5135.

www.duke.edu/web/duma

Durham Arts Council. Three art galleries and home to 18 arts organizations.

(919) 560-2787. www.durhamarts.org

Durham Bulls. Class AAA farm team of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

(919) 956-BULL. www.dbulls.com

Exploris, Raleigh. World's first global experience center. (919) 834-4040.

Frank H. Kenan Football Center Hall of Honor, Chapel Hill. (919) 966-2575.

Historic Hillsborough. Over 100 late 18th and early 19th century structures. (919) 732-7741.

www.historichillsborough.org

The Horace Williams House, Chapel Hill. (919) 942-7818.

Morehead Planetarium, Chapel Hill. (919) 549-6863.

www.morehead.unc.edu

North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh. State-funded art museum.

(919) 839-6262. www.ncartmuseum.org

North Carolina Museum of History, Raleigh. (919) 715-0200.

<http://nchistory.dcr.state.nc.us/museums/>

North Carolina Museum of Life and Science, Durham. Premier museum for children in the Triangle. (919) 471-4294.

<http://triangle.citysearch.com/EV/RDUNC/1000/7B/1.htm/>

North Carolina State Farmers Market, Raleigh. (919) 733-7417.

North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences, Raleigh. Focuses on natural history and environment of North Carolina. (919) 733-7450.

www.naturalsciences.org

North Carolina State Capitol, Raleigh. (919) 733-4994.

North Carolina State University, Raleigh. (919) 515-2011. www.ncsu.edu

North Carolina Symphony.

(919) 733-2750. www.ncsymphony.org

North Carolina Theatre. (919) 831-6941.

Oakwood Historic District, Raleigh. 400 private homes from 19th century. (919) 834-0887.

Orange County Historical Museum, Hillsborough. Depicts lifestyles from the time of the Indians through the Civil War era. (919) 732-2104.

Orange County Speedway, Rougemont. (336) 364-1222.

www.orangecountyspeedway.com

Playmakers Repertory Company, Chapel Hill. (919) 962-7529.

www.playmakers.org

Raleigh City Museum. Exhibits on the city's history. (919) 832-3775.

www.mindspring.com/~rallittletheatre

Raleigh Little Theatre. (919) 821-4579.

www.mindspring.com/~rallittletheatre

Triangle SportsPlex, Hillsborough. (919) 644-0339.

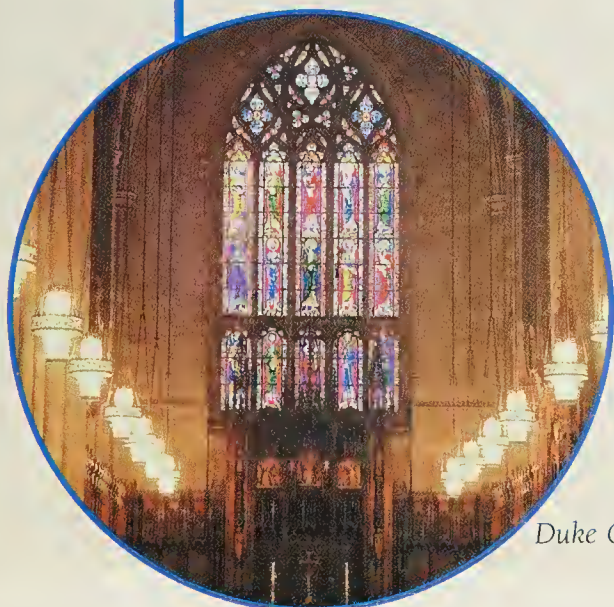
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Self-guided tours: (919) 962-1630.

www.unc.edu

Village of Fearington, near Pittsboro. Country village with fine shops, inn and 5-diamond dining. (919) 542-4000.

Wakefield/Joel Lane House. Oldest home in

Raleigh. (919) 833-3431.



Duke Chapel, Durham

Culture and Recreation

Bethesda Church and Cemetery, Aberdeen. 1790 historic church. (910) 944-1319.
Bicycle routes around Moore County. Rentals, maps available, competition/tours. (910) 692-3330.
Cameron Historic District. 19 historic places. Antique fairs in May and October. (910) 245-3697.
Campbell House, Southern Pines. Home of Arts Council, monthly on-going exhibits, Railroad Club, Southern Pines Recreation. (910) 692-4356.
Home of American Golf. Pinehurst/Southern Pines Area includes more than 43 golf courses. (910) 692-3330.

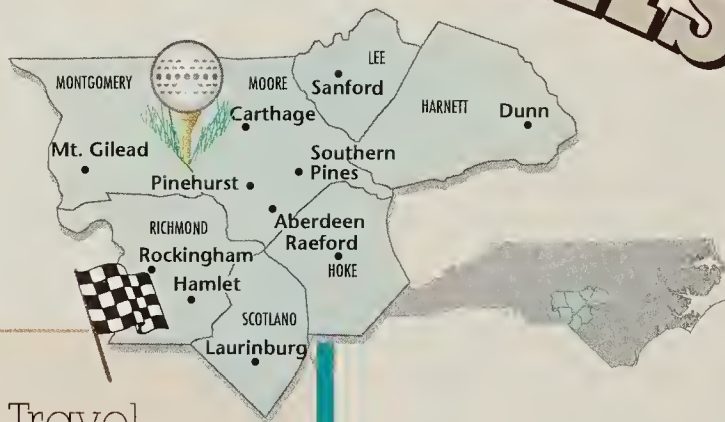
Midland Crafters, on N.C. 2. Sells the work of many regional craftspeople. (910) 295-6156.
N.C. Speedway, Rockingham. Major NASCAR races. (910) 582-2861.
National Railroad Museum and Hall of Fame, Hamlet. Railroad memorabilia.
The Sunrise Theater, Southern Pines. Performances by resident groups. (910) 692-3799.
Rankin Museum of American Heritage, Ellerbe. Traces humankind's adaptation to environment. (910) 652-6378.
Rockingham Dragway, Rockingham. (910) 582-3400.

Sandhills Women's Exchange, Pinehurst. Handmade early-American crafts and baked goods. (910) 295-4677.
Seagrove Potters. Pottery country. Most studios open to the public.
Sunrise Theater, Southern Pines. Sandhills Theater Company, classical concerts, film festival, children's theater, family series, special performances. (910) 692-3330.
Tufts Archives, Pinehurst. James Walker Tufts' dream of Pinehurst displayed. (910) 295-3642.
Weymouth Center, Southern Pines. Historic home hosts N.C. Literary Hall of Fame, readings, concerts, lectures. (910) 692-6261.

Parks, Monuments, Historic Sites

Bryant House & McLendon Cabin, State Rd. #210, Carthage. Historic properties depicting early county life. (910) 947-3995.
The House in the Horseshoe State Historic Site. S.R. 1644, near Sanford. Colonial plantation home. (910) 947-2051.
Malcolm Blue Farm, Aberdeen. Antebellum farm on National Register of Historic Places. (910) 944-7558.
Pinehurst Harness Track, NC 5, Pinehurst. Circa-1915 track of 110-plus acres listed in National Register, races, polo matches, etc. (800) 433-TROT.
Southern Pines Reservoir Park. Trails connected with other vicinity trails to provide more than four miles of hiking and biking trails. (910) 692-2463.
Sandhills Horticultural Garden, Pinehurst. Includes largest holly garden on East Coast, roses, conifers, rhododendron and azaleas; native wetland trail and formal English garden. (910) 695-3882/(919)692-6185.
Shaw House, Southern Pines. 1840 Antebellum home of sturdy simplicity; home of Moore County Historical Association. (910) 692-2051.
Town Creek Indian Mound, near Mt. Gilead. 500-year-old burial site. (910) 439-6802.
Uwharrie National Forest. N.C. 24/27, east of Albemarle. (910) 576-6391.
Weymouth Woods Nature Preserve, Southern Pines. 600 acres of natural area, plus hiking trails. (910) 692-2167.

Sandhills



Travel Information

Angier. (919) 639-2500.
Convention and Visitors Bureau for the Village of Pinehurst, Southern Pines and Aberdeen Area. (800) 346-5362 / (910) 692-3330. www.homeofgolf.com
Dunn Area. (910) 892-4113.
Erwin Area. (910) 897-7300.
Laurinburg/Scotland County Area. (910) 276-7420.
Lillington Area. (910) 893-3751.
Montgomery County. (910) 572-4300.
Raeford-Hoke. (910) 875-5929.
Richmond County, Rockingham. (800) 858-1688 / (910) 895-9058.
Sandhills Area Chamber of Commerce. (910) 692-3926.
Sanford Area. (919) 775-7341.

Electric Cooperatives

Central EMC (Sanford). (919) 774-4900.
Lumbree River EMC (Red Springs, Fairmont, Lake Rim, Laurinburg, Lumberton, Raeford). (910) 843-4131.
Randolph EMC (Asheboro, Robbins). (910) 625-5177.
Pee Dee EMC (Wadesboro, Rockingham). (704) 694-2114.
South River EMC (Dunn, Stedman, Anderson Creek). (910) 892-8071.



Town Creek Indian Mound, near Mt. Gilead

Culture and Recreation

Alamance County Arts Council, Holt White House, Graham. Restored historic home and art gallery. (336) 226-4495.

Alamance County Historical Museum, NC 62 South, Burlington. 19th century house-museum depicting the life of textile pioneer Edwin M. Holt. (336) 226-8254.

Andy Griffith Playhouse, Mount Airy. (336) 786-7998/(800) 286-6193.

Angela Peterson Doll and Miniature Museum, High Point. South's largest doll museum. (336) 885-3655.

Barn Dinner Theatre, Greensboro. One of the oldest dinner theatres in the country offering Broadway shows. (336) 292-2211/(800) 668-1764. www.zip2.com/mainstreet/thebarn

Bernice Bienenstock Furniture Library, High Point. 7,000 volumes on furniture, design and the decorative arts. (336) 883-4011. www.furniturelibrary.com

Bicentennial Gardens, Greensboro. Long-time favorite with flowering and deciduous trees, shrubs and annual beds. (336) 373-2199

The Bob Timberlake Gallery, Lexington. (800) 244-0095.

Burlington Manufacturers Outlet Center, I-85/I-40, Burlington. Exit 145. Over 75 outlets. (800) 637-3804.

Carolina Theater, Greensboro. Restored 1927 vaudeville-style theater featuring dance, concerts and film. (336) 333-2600. www.carolinatheatre.com

Celebration Station, Greensboro. Family fun entertainment center. (336) 316-0606.

Davidson County Museum of Art, Lexington. (336) 249-2742.

Davie County Arts Council. (336) 751-3112.

Delta Arts Center, Winston-Salem. African-American arts and humanities. (336) 722-2625.

Diggs Gallery, Winston-Salem State University. African-American and contemporary art. (336) 750-2458. www.wssu.edu/diggs

Edwards-Franklin House, Surry County. 1799 plantation house museum of Surry County Historical Society. (336) 786-8359.

Emerald Pointe, Greensboro. Largest water amusement park in the Carolinas. (336) 852-9721/(800) 555-5900. www.emeraldpointe.com

Fiddle and Bow, Winston-Salem. Triad's traditional music society. (336) 727-1038.

Furniture Discovery Center, High Point. Interactive furniture manufacturing museum. (336) 887-3876. www.furniturediscovery.org

The Gallery at Old Salem, Winston-Salem. (336) 721-7300. www.oldsalem.org

Greensboro Arboretum. Nine different labeled plant collections and garden displays in a 17-acre setting. (336) 373-2199.

Greensboro Children's Museum. Hands-on exhibits for ages 1-12. (336) 574-2898. www.gcmuseum.com

Greensboro Cultural Center at Festival Park. Home to 15 visual- and performing-arts organizations, five art galleries, a restaurant, and an outdoor amphitheater. (336) 373-2712.

Greensboro Historical Museum. History of the city and surrounding area. (336) 373-2043. www.greensboro.lib.nc.us/museum

Haw River Historical Museum, Haw River. (336) 578-1646 or (336) 563-1593.



Travel Information

Archdale-Trinity. (336) 434-2073.

Asheboro/Randolph C of C & Tourism Bureau. (336) 626-2626

Burlington/Alamance County Convention and Visitors Bureau. (800) 637-3804/ (336) 570-1444. www.burlington-area-nc.org

Caswell County. (336) 694-6106.

Davie County. (336) 751-3304. daviecoc@ix.netcom.com

Eden. (336) 623-3336.

Greater Elkin-Jonesville-Arlington. (336) 526-1111.

Greater Mount Airy. (336) 786-6116/ (800) 948-0949. www.visitmayberry.com

Greensboro Area Chamber of Commerce. (336) 275-8675.

Greensboro Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. (800) 344-2282/ (336) 274-2282. www.greensboronc.org

High Point. (336) 889-8151.

High Point Convention and Visitors Bureau. (800) 720-5255 / (336) 884-5255. www.highpoint.org

Kernersville. (336) 993-4521.

King. (336) 983-9308.

Lexington Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. (336) 248-5929, ext. 221.

Liberty. (336) 622-4937.

Mount Airy Visitor Center & Andy Griffith Museum. (336) 789-4636/ (800) 576-0231

Piedmont Triad Visitor Center. (800) 388-9830/ (336) 388-9830.

Reidsville. (336) 349-8481.

Thomasville Area. (336) 475-6134/ (800) 611-9907.

Western Rockingham. (336) 548-6248.

Winston-Salem. (336) 725-2361.

Winston-Salem Convention and Visitors Bureau. (800) 331-7018/ (336) 728-4200. www.wscvb.com

Winston-Salem Visitor Center. (800) 331-7018/ (336) 777-3796.

Yadkin County. (336) 367-7251.

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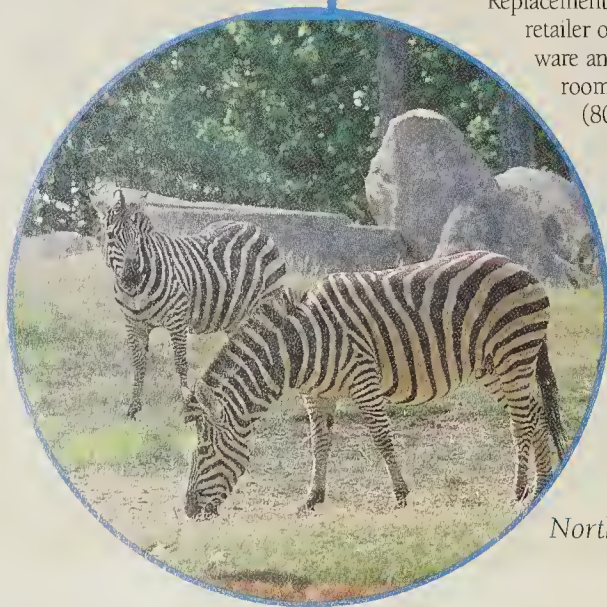


Piedmont Triad

Culture and Recreation



Seagrove



North Carolina Zoo, Asheboro

Ice Chalet, Greensboro. Family ice skating venue. (336) 852-1515.

Korner's Folly, Kernersville. 1880 restored tour house filled with interior design wonders. (336) 996-7922. www.kornersfolly.com

Market Square, High Point. Renovated chair factory and trade showcenter. (336) 884-5255.

Mattye Reed African Heritage Center Gallery, Greensboro (N.C. A&T State University). Over 3,500 African art objects. (336) 334-3209.

Millis Regional Health Education Center, High Point. Interactive health education, programs and wellness center. (336) 878-6713.

Mount Airy Museum of Regional History (336) 786-4478.

Museum of Anthropology, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem. The only museum devoted to the study of world cultures. (336) 759-5282. www.wfu.edu/MOA

Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts, Winston-Salem. Regional decorative arts of the early South. (336) 721-7300. www.oldsalem.org

Natural Science Center of Greensboro. Hands-on museum, zoo, and planetarium. (336) 288-3769. www.greensboro.com/sciencecenter

North Carolina School of the Arts, Winston-Salem. First state-supported arts school in the nation. (336) 721-1945. www.ncarts.edu

Old Greensborough Preservation Society. Self-guided walking tour brochures of downtown. (336) 272-6617.

Paramount Theater, Burlington. Renovated, located in historic downtown. (336) 222-5001.

Piedmont Blues Preservation Society, Greensboro. Features Carolina Lite Blues Festival. (336) 275-4944.

Piedmont Chamber Singers, Winston-Salem. (336) 722-4022.

Piedmont Craftsmen, Inc., Winston-Salem. Represents 300+ of the Southeast's finest craft artisans. (336) 725-1516. www.webfresco.com/pci

Piedmont Opera Theatre, Winston-Salem. (336) 725-7101. www.piedmontopera.org

Replacements Ltd., Greensboro. World's largest retailer of old and new china, crystal, flatware and collectibles. Free tours of showroom, warehouse and restoration facility (800) 737-5223.

R.J. Reynolds Whitaker Park, Winston-Salem. Cigarette manufacturing museum. (336) 741-5718.

Reynolda House, Museum of American Art, Winston-Salem. American art displayed in the former home of R.J. Reynolds. (336) 725-5325. www.reynoldahouse.org

Richard Childress Racing Museum, Welcome. Trophies, awards, unique memorabilia, tour race shop facilities. Souvenir shops of Dale Earnhardt and Mike Skinner. (800) 476-3389.

Richard Petty Museum, Level Cross. (336) 495-1143.

The Sawtooth Center for Visual Arts, Winston-Salem. Houses three art galleries. (336) 725-8916. www.sawtooth.org

Seagrove, U.S. 220, 45 minutes south of Greensboro. More than 90 active potters and studios. (336) 973-3649.

SciWorks, Winston-Salem. Science Museum and Environmental Park. (336) 767-6730. www.sciworks.org

Snow Camp Outdoor Dramas. Snow Camp. NC 49 South. "The Sword of Peace" and "Pathway to Freedom," June-August. Other productions include musicals and children's theater. (800) 726-5115/(336) 376-6948.

Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, Winston-Salem. (336) 725-1904. www.secca.org

Springfield Museum of Old Domestic Life, High Point. (336) 882-3054.

Textile Heritage Center, Cooleemee. Tells story of mill village life. (336) 284-6040.

Theatre Art Galleries, High Point. Encompasses three exhibition areas. (336) 887-2137.

Weatherspoon Art Gallery, Greensboro. 4,000 works of 20th-century American art. (336) 334-5770. www.uncg.edu/wag

Winston-Salem Piedmont Triad Symphony. (336) 723-7919. www.wssymphony.org

World's Largest Chair, Thomasville. A monument to the area's furniture-making heritage. (336) 476-6134/(800) 611-9907.

World's Largest Chest of Drawers, High Point. 32 ft. tall. (336) 883-2016.

World's Largest Open-Faced Granite Quarry, Mount Airy (800) 948-0949.

It's all so strange, so near,
so far, so terrible, beautiful,
and instantly familiar, that
it seems to the traveler
that he must have known
these people forever.

Thomas Wolfe



Richard Petty Museum,
Level Cross

Parks, Monuments, Historic Sites

Alamance Battleground State Historic Site. N.C. 62 South. Site of the battle that ended the War of the Regulation. (336) 227-4785.

Battle of Clapp's Mill-Memorial Marker, Burlington. Lake Macintosh. (800) 637-3804.

Blandwood Mansion & Carriage House, Greensboro. Former home of Gov. John Motley Morehead. (336) 272-5003.

Boone's Cave State Park. N.C. 150, on the Yadkin River. (704) 528-6514.

Burlington City Park. Lake Macintosh; features 1910 Dentzel Menagerie Carousel, miniature train, amusement rides, Aquatic and Tennis center. (336) 222-5030.

Burlington Historic Railroad Depot and Ampitheater. Renovated depot with murals depicting city life from 1893-1993. (336) 222-5137.

Bryan Park, U.S. 29, Browns Summit. On southern shore of 1,500-acre Lake Townsend, two championship golf courses, tennis courts, picnic areas, soccer fields, fishing and boating. (336) 375-2222. www.bryanpark.com

Castle McCulloch, Jamestown. Historic gold refinery. (336) 887-5413. www.spyder.net/castle

Colonial Heritage Center & Hoskins House at Tannenbaum Historic Park, Greensboro. Features restored Revolutionary War house. (336) 545-5315. www.home.interpath.net/history

Cedarock Historical Working Farm & Park. NC 49 South, Burlington. 414-acre park and working farm. (336) 570-6769.

Charlotte Hawkins Brown Memorial State Historic Site. U.S. 70, Sedalia. North Carolina's first official historic site to honor an African-American and a woman. On the campus of the former Palmer Institute (prestigious preparatory school for African Americans). (336) 449-4846. www.netpath.net/~chb

Chinqua-Penn Plantation, Reidsville. 1920s country manor filled with eclectic art. (336) 349-4576/(800) 948-0947

City Lake Park, High Point. (336) 887-2511.

Davidson County Historical Museum, Lexington. (336) 242-2035.

Guilford Courthouse National Military Park. Site of an important Revolutionary War battle, 220 acres of trails. (336) 288-1776. www.nps.gov/guco

Hanes Park. Largest park in Winston-Salem. (336) 727-2137.

Hanging Rock State Park. N.C. 89, north of Winston-Salem. Largest state park in the Piedmont. (336) 593-8480. <http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/haro.html>

High Point Museum & Historic Park. Oldest home on original site in Guilford County. (336) 885-6859. www.high-point.net/dept/museum

Historic Bethabara Park, Winston-Salem. First Moravian settlement. (336) 924-8191.

Horne Creek Living Historical Farm, Pinnacle. Recreates life and work of 1900-1910. (336) 325-2298. www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/sections/hs/horne/horne.htm

Jaycee and Country Parks, Greensboro. Tennis, baseball, softball, fishing and trails. (336) 545-5343.

Lindley's Mill-Memorial Marker. NC 87, Eli Whitney. (800) 637-3804.

Mendenhall Plantation, Jamestown. Early 19th-century Quaker plantation. (336) 454-3819.

North Carolina's Oldest Train Depot. (336) 475-6134/(800) 611-9907.

North Carolina Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Park. Off I-85, exit 102, one mile south of Thomasville. (336) 475-6134/(800) 611-9907.

North Carolina Zoological Park. U.S. 220 near Asheboro. Large, natural environment zoo. (800) 488-0444. www.nczoo.org

Oak Hollow Lake Park, High Point. (336) 883-3418.

Old Mill of Guilford, N.C. 68, Oak Ridge. Working mill dating back to 1745, gift shop with stone-ground meal made on premises, honey, ham, pottery and crafts. (336) 643-4783.

Old Salem, Winston-Salem. 18th- and 19th-century living history Moravian town. (336) 721-7300. www.oldsalem.org

Piedmont Environmental Center, High Point. Hiking trails, educational programs and the new NC Mapscape. (336) 883-8531.

Pilot Mountain State Park. U.S. 52, northwest of Winston-Salem. The area's most distinctive geologic attraction. (336) 325-2355. <http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/pimo.html>

Pyle's Defeat-Memorial Marker, Burlington. Old Trail Rd. (800) 637-3804.

Reynolda Gardens, Winston-Salem. Four acres of formal gardens, a greenhouse range and 125 acres of fields and woodlands. (336) 725-5325. www.wfu.edu/gardens

Tanglewood Park. U.S. 158, west of Winston-Salem. 1,300-acre park. (336) 778-6300. www.tanglewoodpark.com

Wright Tavern, Wentworth. Restored 19th century tavern with rare "Dog Run" architecture. (336) 342-5901.

Electric Cooperatives

EnergyUnited (Statesville, Mocksville, Cornelius, Taylorsville) (704) 873-5241; (Lexington, Madison) (336) 249-3131.

Piedmont EMC (Hillsborough, Roxboro). (919) 732-2123.

Randolph EMC (Asheboro, Robbins). (336) 625-5177.

Surry-Yadkin EMC (Dobson). (336) 386-8241.

Travel Information

Anson County. (704) 694-4181.
Belmont. (704) 825-5307.
Bessemer City Area. (704) 629-3900.
Cabarrus County Visitors Center.
(704) 938-4550.
Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.
(704) 378-1300.
Charlotte Conv. and Visitors Bureau.
(800) 722-1994. www.charlottecvb.org
Cherryville. (704) 435-3451.
Concord-Cabarrus County.
(704) 782-4111.
Gaston County Travel & Tourism.
(800) 849-9994. www.gaston.org
Gaston County Chamber of Commerce.
(704) 864-2621.
Kannapolis. (704) 932-4164.
Marshville. (704) 624-3183.
Matthews. (704) 847-3649.
Mint Hill. (704) 545-9726.
North Mecklenburg. (704) 892-1922.
Rowan County Conv. & Visitors Bureau.
(800) 332-2343 / (704) 638-3100.
www.visitsalisburync.com
Rowan County Chamber of Commerce.
(704) 633-4221.
Stanly County. (704) 982-8116.
Union County. (704) 283-6886.

Charlotte skyline



Culture and Recreation

American Military Museum. Exhibits include weapons and medal displays.
(704) 866-6068.
Afro-American Cultural Center, Charlotte. Multi-disciplinary arts organization.
(704) 374-1565.
C. Grier Beam Truck Museum, Cherryville. One of only three truck museums in the country.
(704) 435-3072.
Carolina Raptor Center, Inc. At Latta Plantation Park. Center for care of injured birds.
(704) 875-6521.
Charlotte Motor Speedway NASCAR racing and tours. (704) 455-2121.
Charlotte Museum of History. Artifacts of local and regional history. (704) 568-1774.
Charlotte Repertory Theatre. (704) 333-8587.
Charlotte Symphony Orchestra. (704) 332-0468.
Charlotte Trolley, Inc. (704) 375-0850.
Cherryville Historical Museum. Local history from early 1800s. (704) 435-8011.

Downtown Salisbury. (704) 637-7814.
Gaston County Museum of Art and History, Dallas. Largest public collection of horse-drawn vehicles in the state.
(704) 922-7681.
JAARS, Waxhaw. Technical service arm for Wycliffe Bible Translators and the Summer Institute of Linguistics.
(704) 843-6000.
JS Pottery, Lowell. Pottery demonstrations, hand-crafted items. (704) 824-2483.
Jesse Helms Center, Wingate.
(704) 233-1776.
Josephus Hall House, Salisbury
(704) 636-0103.
Lazy 5 Ranch, Mooresville. (704) 663-5100.
Meroney Theatre, Salisbury. (704) 633-5471.
Mexico Cardenas Museum, Waxhaw.
(704) 843-6000.
Mint Museum of Art, Charlotte. Local and regional history in permanent and changing exhibits. (704) 337-2000.
Museum of the Alphabet, Waxhaw. Explores ancient alphabets from around the world.
(704) 843-6000.
Nature Museum, Charlotte. Specially designed for small children.
(800) 935-0553 / (704) 372-6261.
Opera Carolina, Charlotte. (704) 332-7177.
Oratorio Singers of Charlotte.
(704) 332-0468.
Paramount's Carowinds. I-77 on N.C./S.C. border. Theme park. (800) 822-4428 / (704) 588-2600.
Rowan Museum/Utzman Chambers House/Old Stone House, Salisbury. (704) 633-5946.
Salisbury Heritage Tour. Audio walking tour of Historic Salisbury. (800) 332-2343.
Schiele Museum of Natural History, Gastonia. Most frequently visited museum in the state.
(704) 866-6900. www.schielemuseum.org
Spirit Square Center for the Arts. Uptown Charlotte's premier arts center.
(800) 922-6431 / (704) 372-1000.
University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Brochure with map at the information booth inside the N.C. 49 entrance.
Village of Gold Hill, Gold Hill. (704) 279-5674.
A Walk Thru Historic Fourth Ward. Self-guided tour of Uptown Charlotte. (704) 376-0105.
Waterworks Visual Arts Center, Salisbury. Regional exhibits, sensory garden.
(704) 636-1882.

Greater Charlotte



Children's Theatre of Charlotte. Performances and classes. (704) 333-8983.
"Christmas Town USA," McAdenville. Entire town displays millions of lights. (704) 824-3190.
<http://users.unet.net/srankin/>
Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, Belmont.
(704) 825-4490. www.stowegarden.org
Discovery Place, Charlotte. Hands-on science and technology museum. (800) 935-0553 / (704) 372-0471.



Spencer shops

Parks, Monuments, Historic Sites

Andrew Jackson Memorial, Waxhaw.
(704) 283-6886.

Belmont Abbey, Belmont. Once the only abbey cathedral in the nation, on National Historic Registry. (704) 825-6890.

Cane Creek Park, Waxhaw. Fishing, boating, swimming, miniature golf, camping, biking, horseback riding, and more.
(704) 843-3919.

Cannon Village, Kannapolis. Restored textile mill merchandise center. (704) 938-3200.

Crowders Mountain State Park. US 29/74, located in Gaston County between Gastonia and Kings Mountain. (704) 853-5375.

Dan Nichols Park, Salisbury. (704) 636-2089.
Freedom Park. 1900 East Blvd. Charlotte.
(704) 336-2884.

Hezekiah Alexander Homesite, Charlotte.
Oldest standing dwelling in Mecklenburg County. (704) 568-1774.

James K. Polk Memorial, Pineville.
(704) 337-2000.

Kings Mountain National Military Park. Site of major Revolutionary War battle.
(704) 867-1181.

Lake Norman. (704) 333-7547.

Latta Place/Latta Plantation Nature Preserve. Off I-77, Huntersville. 1800s plantation house and grounds. (704) 875-2312.

McDowell Nature Preserve. Off N.C. 49 south. The county's largest park. (704) 588-5224.
Monroe Historic District (704) 283-6886.
Morrow Mountain State Park. N.C. 740 east of Charlotte. (704) 982-4402.

Museum of the Waxhaws, Waxhaw. Regional history from 1650-1900. (704) 843-1832.

North Carolina Transportation Museum/
Historic Spencer Shops, Spencer.
(704) 636-2889/(877) 628-6386.

Reed Gold Mine. N.C. 24/27 east of Charlotte. First documented gold mine in the United States. (704) 786-8337.

Salisbury National Cemetery. (704) 636-2661.
UNC-Charlotte Botanical Gardens.
(704) 547-4286.

Union County Courthouse and Heritage Room, Monroe. (704) 283-3500.

Uwharrie National Forest. N.C. 24/27, east of Albemarle. (910) 576-6391.

Waxhaw Historic District (704) 283-6886.

Wing Haven Gardens and Bird Sanctuary, Charlotte. (704) 331-0664

If Granville was uptown in his new insurance office, my mother would comfort Miss Carrie and give her advice. "Don't you argue with Granville your own self. You let the Lord do that."

Dorris Betts



Electric Cooperatives

EnergyUnited EMC. (Statesville, Mocksville, Cornelius, Taylorsville). (704) 873-5241.

Pee Dee EMC (Wadesboro, Rockingham).
(704) 694-2114.

Rutherford EMC (Forest City, Morganton, Crouse).
(828) 245-1621.

Union EMC (Monroe, Oakboro).
(704) 289-3145.

Schiele Museum, Gastonia



Paramount's
Carowinds, Charlotte

Catawba Foothills



Travel Information

Alexander County. (828) 632-8141.
Burke County Travel & Tourism.
(828) 433-6793/(888) 462-2921.
www.hci-net/~bcttc.
Catawba County. (828) 328-6111.
Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce.
(704) 487-8521.
www.clevelandchamber.org
Cleveland County Economic Development
Commission, Shelby. (704) 484-4999.
www.co.cleveland.nc.us
Greater Hickory. (828) 322-1335.
Greater Statesville. (704) 878-3480/(877)
531-1819. www.visitstatesville.org
Hickory Nut Gorge. (828) 625-2725.
Kings Mountain-Branch of Cleveland County.
(704) 739-4755.
Lincolnton-Lincoln County. (704) 735-3096.
McDowell Chamber of Commerce.
(828) 652-4240.
McDowell Tourism Development Authority,
Marion. (888) 233-6111/(828) 652-1103.
www.McDowellNC.org
Mooresville-South Iredell. (704) 664-3898.
Old Fort Chamber of Commerce.
(828) 668-7223/(888) 233-6111.
www.McDowellNC.org
Polk County Chamber of Commerce.
(828) 859-6236.
Polk County Visitors Center, Tryon.
(800) 440-7848.
www.main.nc.us/Polk/visitpolk
Rutherford County Chamber of
Commerce. (828) 287-3090.
Rutherford County Tourism
Development.
(800) 849-5998 /
(828) 286-1110.
www.rutherfordtourism.com

Hickory Motor Speedway. NASCAR
track. (828) 464-3655.
Hiddenite Center, Hiddenite. 1914
mansion, gems, art, dolls.
(828) 632-6966.
Hiddenite Gems, Hiddenite. "Gem
Capital of the World."
(828) 632-3394.
Iredell Museum of Arts and Heritage,
Statesville. (704) 873-4734.
Kings Mountain Fire Department
Historical Museum, Kings
Mountain. (704) 734-0555.
Kouris Warehouse, Shelby. Colonial
revival warehouse home to the
Farmers' Market.
Lake Lure Tours. Guided boat tours.
(828) 625-0077.
Lincolnton Cultural Center,
Lincolnton. Museum of history,
performance hall.
(704) 739-9055.
Maple Grove and Propst House,
Hickory. Open by appointment.
(828) 322-4731.

Alva Theatre, N. Sterling St.,
Morganton. First in Burke County
to show "talkies."
Apple Hill Orchard, Morganton. More
than nine varieties. Tours, gift
shop, homemade apple cider.
(828) 437-1224.
Arts and Science Center of Catawba
Valley, Hickory. (828) 324-4906.
Bradley Falls/Little Bradley Falls.
I-26 Saluda exit.
Brown Mountain Lights. Overlook on
Hwy. 181N, Morganton. Visible
on clear nights. (828) 433-
6793/(888) 462-2921.
Bunker Hill Covered Bridge,
Claremont. One of two in N.C.
(828) 465-0383.
Catawba River Canoe Trips. From
Morganton. (828) 437-
7016/(888) 462-2921.
C. Grier Beam Truck Museum,
Cherryville. (704) 435-3072.
Children's Museum of Iredell County.
(704) 872-7508.

McDowell Arts & Crafts Assn.,
Marion. (828) 652-8610.
www.mcdowellinc.com/MACA
Mountain Gateway Museum, Old
Fort. Pioneer museum with
exhibits, programs and demon-
strations. (828) 668-9259.
Murray's Mill, Catawba. Restored
family grist mill.
(828) 465-0383.
Newton Historic District. Includes
Catawba County Museum of
History. (828) 465-7400.
Old Fort Mountain Music. Every
Friday evening in downtown Old
Fort. (828) 652-1103.
Old Fort Railroad Museum, Old
Fort. Historic depot, railroad and
train exhibits. (828) 668-7223.
Pacolet River Scenic Byway. Scenic
drive on Highway 176 from
Tryon to historic Saluda.
Polk County Historical Museum. In
the historic Tryon train depot.
River's Edge Guide Service. Fly fish-
ing guides specializing in back
country trips for trout.
(828) 765-2658.
Rutherford County Farm Museum,
Forest City. (828) 248-1248.

Cleveland County Arts Center. In
1916 post office, uptown Shelby.
(704) 484-2787.
Cleveland County Historical Museum,
Shelby. (704) 482-8186.
Dale's Market, Enola Rd. & Dale St.,
Morganton. In continuous use
since 1900. (888) 462-2921.
Emerald Village, Little Switzerland.
Authentic mining equipment in
underground mine. (828) 765-
6463. www.emeraldvillage.com
"From This Day Forward." Outdoor
drama, Valdese. Story of
Waldensian people. Exhibits on
adjacent site. (800) 743-8398.
Globe Theater, Alexander Mills. Like
Shakespeare's. (800) US-GLOBE.
Green River Cove, Saluda. Runs from
Saluda to Lake Adger; swimming,
tubing, kayaking and other out-
door activities.
Hickory Crawdads. Minor league
baseball, Clement Blvd., Hickory.
(800) 488-3237.
Hickory Furniture Mart.
(828) 322-3510.

Saluda Grade. Between Saluda and
Tryon. Steepest standard gauge
mainline railroad grade in U.S.
Adjacent Hwy. 176 is a state
Bicycle Highway.
Sen. Sam Ervin Jr. Library,
Morganton. At Western
Piedmont Community College.
(828) 438-6000.
Shelby Historic District. Walking
tour. (704) 481-1842.
Trail of Faith, Valdese. Waldensian
heritage portrayed through 15
monuments and buildings; guid-
ed tour, gift shop.
(828) 874-1893/(800) 635-4778.
Tryon Fine Arts Center.
(828) 859-8322.
Upstairs Gallery. Non-profit contem-
porary art space. Tryon.
(828) 859-2828.
Waldensian Museum, Valdese.
Focuses on early Italian settlers
of the area. Sundays, April-
October. (828) 874-2531.



NC mountain biking

Parks, Monuments, Historic Sites

1919 Herschell-Spillman Carrousel, Shelby. Fully restored, operational carrousel with music provided by an antique band organ. (704) 484-6476. www.carrousel.shelby.net.
 Andrews Geyser, Old Fort. Monument and picnic area. (828) 668-7223.
 Bottomless Pools, Lake Lure. Natural area in Hickory Nut Gorge. (828) 625-8324.
 Old Burke County Courthouse, Morganton. Focal point of Historic District, contains Heritage Museum. (828) 437-4104.
 Chimney Rock Park, near Bat Cave. View of Lake Lure and Blue Ridge Mountains, plus recreation areas. (800) 277-9611. www.chimneyrockpark.com
 Crowder's Mountain State Park, Kings Mountain. (704) 867-1181.
 Duke Power State Park, Lake Norman. (704) 528-6350.
 Foothills Equestrian Nature Center, Tryon. Hiking and riding trails in 300-acre preserve. (800) 440-7848.
 Fort Dobbs. N.C. Historic Site. (704) 873-5866.

Green River Plantation, 1804 house open by reservation. South of Rutherfordton. (828) 287-0983.
 Historic Carson House, Marion. Early 19th century house of family who gave townsite. (828) 724-4948.
 Historic Downtown Saluda.
 Historic Downtown Statesville. (704) 878-3436.
 Josephine's at Lone Beech, Marion. Restaurant on National Register of Historic Places. (828) 659-3374.
 Kings Mountain National Military Park, entrance in Cleveland County. Where the battle that marked the end of the Revolutionary War was fought. (864) 936-7921.
 Kings Mountain State Park. Camping, bridle trails, hiking, fishing, swimming. (803) 222-3209.
 Lake James State Park, Nebo. Campsites, picnic areas, hiking, fishing, swimming. (828) 652-5047.
 Linville Caverns, between Linville and Marion. Massive limestone caves. (828) 756-4171. www.linvillecaverns.com

Linville Gorge. Wilderness area in Pisgah National Forest. (828) 652-2144.
 Old Fort Arrowhead Monument. Built in 1756, 30-foot tall, honors peace between pioneers and Native Americans. (828) 668-7223.
 Orchard at Altapass, Blue Ridge Parkway. Century-old working apple orchard. (828) 765-9531. www.altapassorchard.com
 Overmountain Victory Trail. Historic trail from Virginia to South Carolina. (888) 233-6111. www.ovta.org
 Pearson's Falls. 90-foot waterfall, Saluda. (828) 749-3031.
 Polk County Courthouse, Columbus. Built in 1857.
 Quaker Meadows Plantation, Morganton. Restored McDowell family brick house. (828) 437-4104.
 South Mountains State Park, Connelly Springs. (828) 433-4772.
 Thomas Wolfe's Angel, Old Fort. Lost in a poker game, sits in Old Fort cemetery. (828) 668-7223

Electric Cooperatives

Blue Ridge EMC (Lenoir). (828) 754-9071.
 EnergyUnited EMC (Statesville, Mocksville, Cornelius, Taylorsville). (704) 873-5241.
 Rutherford EMC (Forest City, Morganton, Crouse). (828) 245-1621.



Above it the mountains
 were piled to the sky.
 Far below it the turbid
 Catawba gleamed yellow
 along its disconsolate valley.

O. Henry

Chimney Rock Park

Travel Information

Alleghany County Chamber.
(800) 372-5473.
www.sparta-nc.com.
Ashe County. (336) 246-9550.
www.ashechamber.com
Asheville Area Chamber of
Commerce. (828) 258-6101.
www.ashevillechamber.org
Asheville Travel and Tourism.
(800) 257-1300.
Avery/Banner Elk. (800) 972-2183.
Beech Mountain. (828) 387-9283/(800)
468-5506. www.beechmtn.com
Black Mountain. (828) 669-2300.
Blowing Rock. (828) 295-7851.
www.blowingrock.com
Blue Ridge Parkway. National Park scenic
highway. (828) 271-4779.
Boone Convention & Visitors Bureau.
(800) 852-9506.
Caldwell County. (828) 726-0616.
Madison County. (828) 689-9351.
Mitchell County, Spruce Pine. (828) 765-
9483/(800) 227-3912.
www.mitchell.county.com/north-carolina.
Mountain Information Centers, Asheville.
(828) 258-4662.
High Country Host. Travel and accommo-
dations information. (800) 438-7500.
N.C. Welcome Center. (I-40 West).
(828) 627-6206.
Wilkes County. (336) 838-8662.
www.wilkesnc.org
Wilkesboro. www.wilkesboronc.com
North Wilkesboro. (336) 667-7129.
www.north-wilkesboro.com
Yancey County, Burnsville. (828) 682-7413.



Culture and Recreation

Alleghany County Fiddlers
Convention. In July.
(336) 372-5473.
An Appalachian Summer. Arts and
culture festival at Appalachian State
University. (828) 264-2120, (800) 841-ARTS.
Appalachian Ski Mountain, Blowing Rock. Ski
resort. (800) 322-2373.
Art by Johannes A.S. Oertel. In St. James
Episcopal Church, Lenoir. (828) 754-3712.
Art in the Park, Blowing Rock. Juried arts and
crafts in summer. (828) 295-7851.
Ashe County Arts Center. (336) 246-ARTS.
Ashe County Frescoes. At St. Mary's Episcopal
Church, outside West Jefferson.
(336) 982-3076.
Ashe County Cheese Co. Landmark attraction.
(336) 246-2501.
Asheville Community Theatre.
(828) 254-1320.
Asheville Smoke Hockey. United League.
(828) 252-PUCK.
Asheville Symphony. (828) 254-7046.
Asheville Tourists. Class A baseball.
(828) 258-0428.
Asheville Walking Tour. (828) 254-2343.
Ballet Blue Ridge. Summer repertory ballet.
(828) 295-4724.

Blue Ridge Parkway. www.nps.gov/blri/ncmap.htm
and www.blueridgeparkway.org
Biltmore Village, Asheville. Unique shopping,
restaurants and art galleries in historic build-
ings next to Biltmore Estate. (828) 274-8788.
Blowing Rock Charity Horse Show. One of the
oldest outdoor shows in the country.
Blowing Rock Stage Company. The professional
theatre of the High Country. June-August at
Blowing Rock Elementary School Auditorium.
(828) 295-9627. www.blowingrockstage.com
Brushy Mountain Apple Festival. First Saturday in
October. (336) 667-3322.
www.applefestival.net
Caldwell Historical Museum, Lenoir.
(828) 758-4004/(828) 758-1496.
Cataloochee Ski Area, Maggie Valley.
(800) 768-0285. www.cataloochee.com
Daniel Boone Native Gardens, Boone. Native
plants. (828) 264-6390.
Folk Art Center, near Asheville. Work of Southern
Highlands Handicraft Guild. (828) 298-7928.
Furniture Shopping. 37 dealers in 20 miles on
U.S. 321 in Caldwell County. (800) 737-0782.
Garden of the Senses. Especially nice for the sense-
impaired. At Wilkes Community College.
(336) 838-6100.
[http://204.84.96.72/WCC/general_informa-
tion/gardens.htm](http://204.84.96.72/WCC/general_information/gardens.htm)
Glen Burney Trail, Blowing Rock. 1.5-mile hiking
trail. (828) 295-7851.
Goodwin Guild Weavers, U.S. 321 Bypass.
(828) 295-3394.
Great Smokey Mountains Railway. Scenic rides.
(800) 872-4681.
Grove Park Inn. Historic grand hotel. Asheville.
(800) 438-5800. www.grovecparkinn.com
Health Adventure. Children's museum, Asheville.
(828) 254-6373. www.health-adventure.com
Hickory Ridge Homestead. 18th Century
living history museum, next to "Horn in the
West," Boone. (828) 264-2120.
Homespun Shops, Asheville. Shops and
weaving museum adjoins Grove Park Inn.
(828) 253-7651.
"Horn in the West," Boone. Outdoor drama about
the Daniel Boone period. (828) 264-2120.
Mast General Store, Valle Crucis. A legend since
1883. (828) 963-6511.
Merle Watson Festival. www.merlefest.org
Mountain Dance and Folk Festival, Asheville.
Diana Wortham Theatre, oldest festival of its
kind in nation. (828) 258-6107.
Museum of North Carolina Minerals. Part of Blue
Ridge Parkway Visitor Center.
(828) 765-2761.
Mystery Hill, U.S. 221/321. Amusement house,
Appalachian Heritage Museum, N.C. Military
Museum. (828) 264-2792.
Parkway Craft Center, Blue Ridge Parkway. Sales
outlet for Southern Highlands Handicraft
Guild. (828) 295-7938.

Blue Ridge



Cone Park,
Blowing Rock



Parks, Monuments, Historic Sites

Pack Place, Asheville. New arts and science center with art museum, Colburn Mineral Museum. (828) 257-4500.

Patterson School. Historic boarding school and 1,400-acre grounds including Chapel of Rest, historic church and cemetery. Caldwell County. (828) 758-2374.

Penland School, near Spruce Pine. Crafts school since 1929. Gallery and tours (828) 765-6211.

Pinebridge Center, Spruce Pine. Indoor facility, one of largest ice skating rinks in Southeast, hockey games. (828) 765-7463.

Scenic Byway, Wilkesboro. Historic sites, scenic drive. (336) 838-8662.

Shindig on the Green, City/County Plaza, downtown Asheville. Appalachian music outdoor summer concerts. (828) 258-6107.

Singing on the Mountain, Grandfather Mountain. Outdoor gospel concert since 1930. (828) 733-4337.

Ski Beech. Beech Mountain. State's largest ski resort. (828) 387-2011.

Ski Hawksnest, Seven Devils. 9-slope ski mountain. (828) 963-6561.

Smith-McDowell House Museum of Western North Carolina History, Asheville. Restored house, oldest in Asheville. (828) 253-9231.

Southern Safari. Luxury camping and guided trips. (800) 454-7374.

Sugar Mountain Resort, Banner Elk. 18-slope ski mountain. (828) 898-4521.

Summer Music, Blowing Rock. Chamber Music Festival. (828) 295-3505.

Tweetsie Railroad, U.S. 221/321. Amusement park and frontier village with narrow-gauge railroad. (800) 526-5740.
www.tweetsie-railroad.com

Western North Carolina Farmers Market, Asheville. (828) 253-1691.

John A. Walker Center, Wilkesboro. Performing Arts Center. http://204.84.96.72/wcc/walker_center/walker_center.htm

Wilkes Playmakers, North Wilkesboro. In Benton Hall, local amateur theatre group. (336) 838-PLAY.

<http://carolinacorner.com/WilkesPlaymakers.htm>
Wilkes County Art Gallery, Wilkesboro. (336) 667-2841.

www.northwilkesboro.com/wilkart.htm

Wolf Laurel, near Mars Hill. Ski mountain. (828) 689-4111. www.skiwolflaurel.com

Biltmore Estate, near Asheville. Magnificent estate built for George W. Vanderbilt in 1895, with 250-room mansion, 8,000-acre grounds, vineyard and winery. (800) 543-2961.
www.biltmore.com

The Blowing Rock, off U.S. 321. Viewing area and gift shop. (828) 295-7111.
www.blowingrock.com

Chimney Rock Park. Hiking trails, waterfall, views from atop Chimney Rock. (800) 277-9611.
www.chimneyrockpark.com

Craggy Gardens, off Blue Ridge Parkway. Trails with views. (828) 298-0398.

Cumberland Knob. 1,000 acres, 2,740 feet high.

Upper Alleghany County on the parkway.

Doughton Park. 7,000 acres, trails, 3,700 feet up. Near Sparta.

Fort Defiance. Home of Gen William Lenoir family on site of a late 18th century fort. Yadkin Valley. (828) 726-0616.

Grandfather Mountain, near Linville. Park with visitor center, trails, overlooks. (800) 468-7325. www.grandfather.com.

Historic Wilkesboro. (336) 667-3712.
www.wilkesboro.com/wwt0.htm

Julian Price Park. Blue Ridge Parkway, MP 297, includes Price Lake, campground, hiking, picnic area.

Linville Caverns, between Linville and Marion. Massive limestone caves. (828) 756-4171.

Linville Gorge. Wilderness area in Pisgah National Forest. (828) 652-2144.

Moses Cone Estate Park. Blue Ridge Parkway at Blowing Rock, MP 292, includes Parkway Craft Center. (828) 295-7938.

Mt. Jefferson State Park. (336) 246-9653.

Mt. Mitchell State Park, Yancey County. Highest peak in the East. (828) 675-4611.

New River State Park. Ashe County. (910) 982-2587.

Old Wilkes Jail. 1860 jail once held Tom Dooley. Wilkesboro. Walking tour. (336) 667-3712.
www.wilkesboro.com/wwt0.htm

The Orchard at Altapass. Working orchard along Blue Ridge Parkway (MP 328.3). (828) 765-9531.

Pinebridge Inn (Old Harris School), Spruce Pine. Built in 1920s. (800) 356-5059.

Pisgah National Forest. (828) 877-3265.

Rendezvous State Forest. Talking tree trail. Western Wilkes County. (336) 667-5072.

Stone Mountain State Park. Northeast Wilkes County. (336) 957-8185.

www.ils.unc.edu/parkproject/stmo.html

Thomas Wolfe Memorial, Asheville. State Historic Site, boyhood home of the writer. (828) 253-8304.

www.home.att.net/~WolfeMemorial

University Botanical Gardens, Asheville. (828) 252-5190.

W. Kerr Scott Dam & Reservoir. Wilkes County. Swimming, boating, hiking, fishing, caping and more. (336) 921-3390.
www.gorp.com/gorp/resource/us_nra/ace/nc_wkerr.htm

Western North Carolina Nature Center, Asheville. Animals and plants in natural habitat. (828) 298-5600.

Whippoorwill Academy and Village. Ferguson. Historic schoolhouse, Tom Dula Museum, Daniel Boone cabin replica, Matt's General Store, the Smokehouse Gallery, Chapel of Peace, and other buildings, exhibits, open to the public. (336) 973-3237.

www.wilkesnc.org/tourism/Tour/whippoorwill.htm
Zebulon B. Vance Homestead, near Weaverville. State Historic Site, reconstructed home of Civil War-era statesman. (828) 645-6706.



Electric Cooperatives

Blue Ridge EMC (Lenoir, Boone, West Jefferson, Sparta). (828) 758-2383.

French Broad EMC (Marshall, Burnsville, Bakersville). (828) 649-2051.



Penland School of Crafts

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the Southern Highlands



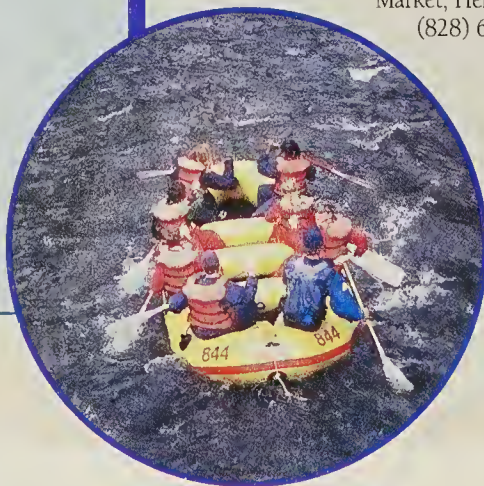
"Unto These Hills," the story of Cherokee emigration

Travel Information

Andrews. (828) 321-3584.
Brevard-Transylvania Chamber of Commerce. (828) 883-3700.
Brevard/ Transylvania County Tourism. (800) 648-4523. www.visitwaterfalls.com
Cashiers Area. (828) 743-5191.
Cherokee Chamber of Commerce. (800) 438-1601 / (828) 497-9195.
Cherokee County. (828) 837-2242.
Cherokee Indian Reservation. (800) 438-1601.
Clay County. (828) 389-3704.
Dillsboro Merchants Assn. (828) 586-6542.
Franklin Area. (800) 336-7829.
Graham County. (828) 479-3790.
Haywood County. (828) 456-3021. www.haywood-nc.com.
Greater Hendersonville. (828) 692-1413.
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Askewville, Chip, Newton Grove, Statesville

Where is the best place for a person to grow up?

It doesn't matter if you grew up in the mountains, by the coast or in between, you still believe that where you were born and raised is the best place to grow up in North Carolina. Our fondest memories included the great outdoors, grandmama's garden or the small country school that was walking distance from home.

I grew up in eastern North Carolina and those are my favorite recollections, too. How could a child grow up properly without catching jars full of lightning bugs on a summer evening? And gardens bursting with summer's bounty play such an integral role in so many North Carolina childhoods. I can remember watching my little brother toddling around in my grandparents' big garden picking juicy strawberries straight off the vine and grinning as he popped them in his little mouth. How can you beat that? Some folks admit that they did dream of big cities from their corners of the country, only to grow up and find that they hadn't missed a thing. We didn't really know how good we had it at the time. But we sure do now.

Thanks to all who wrote in to share their stories. We enjoyed them all. If you'd like to read more, check out "Tar Heel Tales" on our Web site at www.carolinacountry.com. Next month we'll publish stories about "The Kindest Thing Anyone Ever Did." (Deadline was April 15.) For other themes of 2000, see page 43.

— Kim Whorton Tripp

Denton

I think that North Carolina is the best place to grow up because of all the animals that live here. Once I saw six baby squirrels playing in a tree. I find frogs in my pond guarding their eggs.

Denton is a small town, but I like it. When we go to the library I get books about animals and plants. Everyone in the library knows my name. They even know the names of my pets!

I can have lots of pets here, too. My hamster, Hudson, likes to be petted when I'm home. Carmichael, my parakeet, can copy all the birds she hears in the woods around us.

I feel safe and warm when my mom and dad make donuts in our donut maker and read with me. My grandma and grandpa live near us. We go there so much, we wore a trail through the woods to their house. Lots of times, we have cookies and milk there. Grandma can make good cookies. Especially chocolate chip!

We've been on trips to big cities like Chicago and Detroit and had lots of fun. But when we finally get home, I'm so glad to live in Denton.

Chris Bubb, Jr. (age 10)

Denton

EnergyUnited member

Askewville

I grew up in the tiny town of Askewville in Bertie County. We don't even have a stoplight. However, it's not so much what we don't have, but what we do have that makes our town special.

Askewville is a very small farming community with volunteer fire and rescue departments, two churches, a country store, and lots of fantastic people. The people here are always willing to help each other and have hearts of gold.

We attend church just a mile from my parents' home and our school was less than two miles away. I attended the same school with about 200 kids from kindergarten through the eighth grade.

I can remember playing mudpies, catching fireflies, playing hide and seek at dusk and trying to catch minnows and tadpoles in the branch by the house. We lived very close to our aunts, uncles and cousins and were constantly surrounded by family.

I moved back here after attending college, and I married that same little boy that I rode dirt bikes with on Sunday after church. I am looking forward to raising my own children here someday.

Judith Hoggard

Windsor

Roanoke EC member

Chip

Of all the places in the world that I have been, I have never found one that I would prefer to have grown up in more than my home in Chip. Although most outsiders have never heard of Chip, it was once a thriving small farm community in south central North Carolina with a general store, post office, and gas station.

I grew up gathering potatoes behind my granddaddy's tractor, picking blueberries with my cousins, and fishing with my daddy on the banks of Little River. I enjoyed walking down miles of dirt roads with my mama, thrilled at listening to the chickens clucking in their coup as I sat on the porch, and lavished in watching the lazy summer sun melt into the river. At a time when the rest of the world was concerned with the value of the stock market, interest rates, and relations with Communist countries, Chip was unchanged.

The gas station and post office are gone, and the general store is closed. However, the warm environment that made Chip a special place to grow up still exists and will hopefully never die.

Trudy H. Saunders

Mt. Gilead

Pee Dee EMC member





Ashe County

When I was younger, late in the evening my mama and I would sit outside beside a little creek. She'd sit on an old tree stump, and I'd sit on an old rock. We'd talk about my dreams of big cities, buildings, and that pot of gold that almost everyone dreams of. My mama would laugh and tell me that that old tree stump was her pot of gold and that old rock was mine. I never understood what she meant.

But I'm older now, and the things I didn't notice I must've taken for granted, because nothing could compare to these old dirt roads, little country churches and peaceful mountains in Ashe County. These things are a part of me, a part of my heart, a part of who I am. Now I see exactly what my mama meant, and she was right. The best times of my life were spent sitting and talking with my mama. I guess you could say that old rock was my pot of gold, and not any big city. In my heart, Ashe County is bigger than any city in this world.

Liz Eldreth

Warrensville

Blue Ridge EMC member

Newton Grove

Where else but Newton Grove can you call a neighbor a "neighbor" even though they live a mile away? Where else can you get a wave and a smile from a friend even though you may not know their name? In Newton Grove you can forget your checkbook and still get a tank of gas. Old-fashioned values have helped Newton Grove grow and maintain a "down home" atmosphere.

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I am proud to be raising my children in Newton Grove. As I stand on my front porch with my family and we wish upon that early star, I count my blessings and thank God for bringing me to such a special place.

Laura Z. Makey

Newton Grove

South River EMC member

Statesville

I now live in Huntersville, but have fond memories of my childhood, growing up in Statesville.

I would wake up early on a summer morning, and after eating mama's homemade tomato biscuits, I was off to the basketball court. My next door neighbors Jamie and Andy from up the street were there to play. Andy liked the Wolfpack, and Jamie and I were Tar Heel fans. The games we played against each other were just as intense as if we were playing for the teams we loved.

I would tell the guys "bye" and head home for supper. Grandmother was still in the garden working, just as she was when I left that morning. Mom was in the kitchen, stirring over a pot of vegetable soup. We had vegetable soup nearly once a week, and it was our favorite. It contained tomatoes, potatoes, okra, corn, carrots, and the like, all fresh from grandmother's garden.

After supper it was off to Wednesday night Bible study. The church building was just a couple of hundred yards from our house. I got to see my friends there, and run around and play with them when Bible study was over. It was all part of a typical day in Statesville.

Eric D. Foster

Huntersville

United member

Candler holler

Down a dirt driveway lined with laurel bushes planted with love and blood stands a little house back in the holler. I remember well my mother's stories of the carefree life she and her brothers had. She told me about the woodstove piping out stiff smelling smoke in the winter and open windows in the summer to air out the house. I can just imagine the sound of bacon sizzling in the black iron griddle or the bologna frying in a tuna can on the old woodstove. Plenty of space to run and stretch your legs and the sweet smell of fresh honeysuckle on the vine.

She and her brothers would set up little pretend shops and sell things to each other using acorns or leaves for money. They sold mudpies, clay pots that had baked in the sun or little whittled-out thingamajigs. It sounded like there was never a dull moment in this place of beauty. Even if you aren't the richest person in the world, the finest place to grow up in North Carolina is truly Candler, back in the holler.

Mandy Plemmons

Candler

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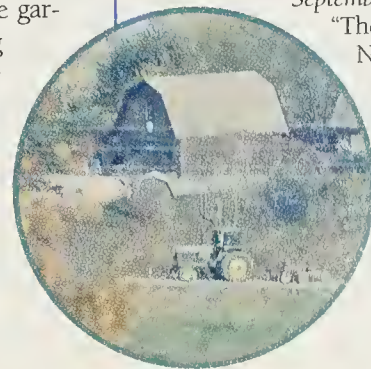
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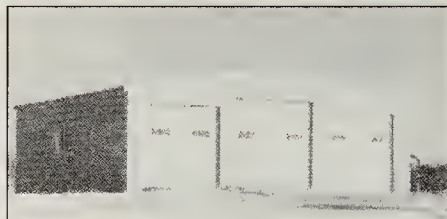
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some participate as club leaders and others attend camp. Volunteer jobs are varied and can be tailored to meet most anyone's schedule. These volunteers come from all walks of life and from all parts of the state. Volunteers may be involved directly with young people or they may prefer to help manage other volunteers or plan events and activities.



It's easy to get involved in the North Carolina 4-H program. Contact the 4-H agent at your county cooperative extension center or visit the 4-H web site at www.ces.ncsu/depts/fourh to learn more about being involved in this exciting youth organization.



"Save the Music" in public schools

Electric cooperatives have launched a program with the popular music TV channel VH1 to "save the music" in rural elementary schools.

The program will award \$25,000 in musical instruments to each of four schools selected. In turn, the schools will agree to implement an ongoing music education program.

VH1 Save the Music Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of education in public schools by supporting music programs and their importance to young people. Already, Save the Music has implemented new music programs in 30 communities. Recent partners in the effort are the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative.

Studies have proven that music participation builds brainpower in children by enhancing vital intellectual skills, according to Save the Music. The foundation also says that music participation increases a child's ability to learn basic math and reading and that students involved in music are less likely to be involved in gangs, drugs or alcohol abuse and have better attendance in school.

The program will award four community elementary schools in the U.S. with musical instruments for the school year that begins in fall 2001.

For more information, contact your electric cooperative.

We will honor our obligation to serve consumers

By Jeff Edwards



As the utility industry moves into a more competitive arena, we should keep in mind that an open market for a commodity like electricity creates new *opportunities* for utilities to sell electrons, but also removes the *obligation* to provide electrons.

In the cooperative way of business, we do have an obligation to provide service.

As the state legislature's Study Commission on the Future of Electric Service has voted to open the utility business to full competition, the No. 1 issue that North Carolina's electric cooperatives have brought forward is "benefit for all consumers." Legislators and commissioners alike hear that from us all the time. It makes sense to restructure a service industry to allow full competition only if all consumers can realize an improvement, not if some end up paying more.

For more than 60 years cooperatives have been consumer-driven. Consumers formed co-ops, and consumers remain the foundation of the business. Our obligation is to consumers. Co-ops follow policies that focus on what's good for individual households, businesses and their communities. That's why we strongly believe that our presence as partners in the restructuring process will help to design a fair and equitable electric service system for North Carolina.

The future of electric service in this state must include the cooperative-like way of providing that service. There should be no obstacle in the way of consumers being allowed to "do" for themselves, to come together with similar interests and needs, and to carry on a business that serves those interests and needs. As long as people can operate a cooperative business like any other business, the marketplace will remain truly diverse, competitive and open.

During the deregulation discussion, the commission must deal with "stranded costs." This means settling the debt that utilities incurred when they built generation systems intended to serve consumers well into the future. That debt remains, even though the protected customer base and rate systems may dissolve in a fully competitive market. The cooperatives have been at the table amidst the discussion and have put forward various proposals to ensure consumer benefit, especially for households and small businesses. These plans have dealt with how best to handle the accumulated debt during North Carolina's transition to a competitive marketplace.

The electric cooperatives of North Carolina – which reach 93 of the state's 100 counties — are proud of the record we have in serving consumers with safe, reliable, economical electric power. We are proud of our role in helping to formulate a new marketplace for utility service in North Carolina. As the study commission and legislature approach the point of detailing the new system – and that point is upon us – your electric cooperatives will be there to make sure that all consumer interests are heard.

Jeff Edwards is manager of Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation, which serves more than 9,600 consumers in northeastern North Carolina.

For more information about cooperatives and deregulation, visit the "More Power to You" section of our Web site at www.carolinacountry.com

For Your Information

Cooperatives can protect consumers

Average consumers face great risks in a deregulated electricity marketplace, but a mechanism exists to ensure that their interests are protected, according to Glenn English, chief executive officer of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). "We have a responsibility to help consumers, to offer them a way protect themselves in a marketplace where most service providers will ignore them."

Research shows that most consumers are amenable to the idea of choice in a competitive market, English told 12,000 electric cooperative representatives at NRECA's 58th annual meeting in March. "But their experience with deregulation of other industries has made them skeptical that change in the electric industry will do them any good."

"We must fight to ensure that consumers have the freedom to determine the future of their electric cooperative — a business that they own — and to secure for themselves whatever services they desire from it," he said.

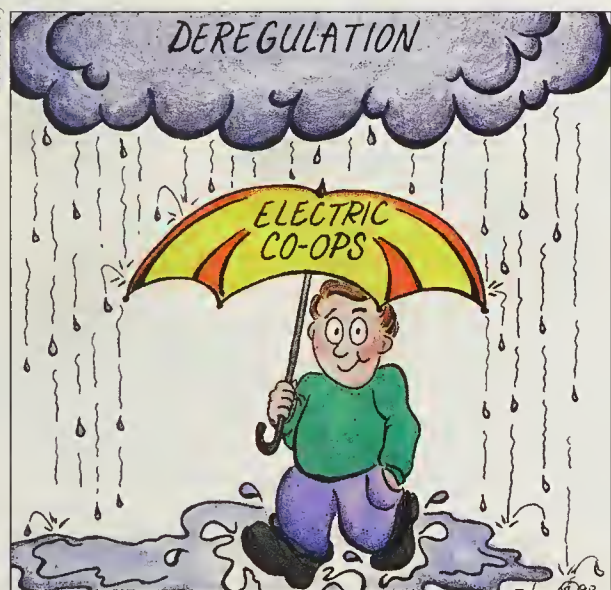
"Our research tells us that 90 percent of co-op consumers and 84 percent of non-co-op consumers prefer to work with companies based in their local community," English said.

Commission says North Carolina should allow customer choice in electric service beginning in 2005

The Study Commission on the Future of Electric Service in North Carolina has recommended that by January 2006, all electricity customers in the state should be allowed to choose their power supplier. The commission suggested a phase-in approach whereby half the state's consumers begin choosing a service provider by January 2005.

The commission expected to present a final report to the General Assembly in May. It did not detail how the electric service business would be opened to competition, but the commission said it would offer specific language to the state legislature's 2001 session.

Also left for later consideration was a recommendation on how to resolve some \$5 billion in debt that 51 municipal utilities collectively owe bondholders for generation facilities they invested in years ago.



It is not expected that specific restructuring legislation will be considered in the 2000 General Assembly. But the commission recommended such legislation should include a variety of consumer protection and education provisions.

North Carolina's electric cooperatives have participated in the commission's review and have adopted positions advocating fair treatment of all consumers. The co-ops have urged the commis-

sion to ensure that all consumers can benefit in restructured market, and that no consumer should have to pay more for fully competitive electric service.

The cooperatives also have been pressing for an effective solution to the "stranded costs" issue that faces all utilities. These costs come from debts that utilities incurred when they built generation and distribution systems intended to serve consumers well into the future. That debt remains, even though the assured customer base and stable rate systems may dissolve in a fully competitive market.

The commission had discussed the idea of the municipal utilities selling their jointly-held generation assets as a way of helping to settle their debt, but no specific recommendation was made on that matter. The cooperatives have proposed merger possibilities with municipal distribution utilities. They point out that both cooperative and municipal entities are accountable to the consumer-owners, that cooperatives are neighbors to the municipal customers and integrating resources would be economically beneficial to consumers.

The main recommendations of the commission are summarized as follows:

- 1) Fully competitive retail electric service for North Carolina consumers by Jan. 1, 2006. Half of the state's consumers could choose their power supplier beginning Jan. 1, 2005, and the remainder a year later.
- 2) Utilities would be able to recover reasonable stranded costs.
- 3) To accomplish its recommendations, the commission will recommend specific language to the 2001 General Assembly and later, if needed, to the 2003 General Assembly, to address consumer protection, including safety, reliability, universal service, the ability to aggregate, assurance of fair marketing and servicing practices, consumer education, as well as environmental protection and promoting alternative energy sources.

Ahead of time

By Michael E.C. Gery

On March 28, David James Batten, general manager of Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation in Shallotte, suffered a heart attack while driving and was killed when his car hit a Brunswick EMC pole. He was 55.

During the previous week, Mr. Batten had attended the 58th annual meeting of the nation's electric co-operatives in Orlando, Fla., where some 12,000 representatives of more than 900 co-ops convened to do business and consider their future. He was a special guest of the Statewide Editors Association, who are men and women doing in their states what I do for North Carolina's co-ops. We had invited Mr. Batten, and two other co-op CEOs, to talk to us about their vision.

David Batten was the perfect North Carolina representative for that mission. He was known among us in this state's cooperative family as a visionary, an idea man, a man sometimes too tall for the rooms we work in.



David J. Batten, 1944-2000

He told our editors group that Brunswick Electric serves a very diverse membership, from elite seaside golfing communities to the hardworking outer reaches of Columbus County. As Whiteville district manager from 1972 until 1981, then as the co-op's general manager afterward, David Batten devoted himself to building a progressive community. "If your co-op is not totally involved in your community," he told us, "you're missing something really important, and really big."

He stood well above any single person at bringing jobs and business opportunities to Brunswick and Columbus counties. His dream was to put up a few buildings in key areas, set up their basic services, and then combine regional business experts with people who themselves dreamed of growing a business. David Batten not only saw his dream fulfilled, but he also made life and work worthwhile for many other people at the same time.

As though he could see today's "restructuring" of the electric service business coming years ago, Mr. Batten insisted that Brunswick Electric set its own, separate identity among its membership and communities while strengthening ties to state and national cooperative organizations. He chaired several statewide and national cooperative committees and boards. "If you stay involved with what's happening statewide and nationally," he said, "you'll stay in the forefront. That's where you get your vision for leadership. I'm a strong believer that 'together, we stand.'"

His death stunned all of us, and it came too soon. We could use a lot more of David Batten. Yet it seemed like a David Batten move, somehow. We never really were quite sure what he'd come up with next, nor could we know that it would come ahead of its time.

Michael E.C. Gery is editor of *Carolina Country*

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"Love Letters"

May 5, West Jefferson
Play, Ashe Civic Center,
7:30 p.m., (336) 246-4483

Spring Herb Festival

May 5-7, Asheville
Western N.C. Farmer's Market,
free, (828) 253-1691

"Robin Hood"

May 5-14, Waynesville
Play, Performing Arts Center,
(828) 456-6322

Spring Festival

May 6, Morganton
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7 a.m.-until, (828) 433-5308

Spring Thing and Main St. Auto Show

May 6, Rutherfordton
Main Street, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.,
(828) 287-2071

Springfest & Antique Car Show

May 6, Taylorsville
(828) 632-2999

"Chopper Drop 'Fore' Little Tots"

May 6, Flat Rock
Golf festival for charity,
Highlands Lake Golf Club,
2 p.m., (828) 692-7068

Spring Fest

May 6, West Jefferson
Mountain View Elementary
School, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.,
(336) 246-ARTS

Tennessee Green in Concert

May 6, West Jefferson
Ashe Civic Center, 7:30 p.m.,
(336) 246-4483

Weekend in the Village

May 6-7, Statesville
Festival, downtown,
(704) 878-3429

Ramp Festival

May 7, Waynesville
American Legion Post, 12 p.m.,
(828) 456-8691

Mule Day

May 12-13, Love Valley
(704) 592-7451,
www.lovevalley.com



Fiber Day

May 13, Asheville
Folk Art Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.,
(828) 298-7928

"Rumpelstiltskin"

May 13, West Jefferson
Children's theatre, Ashe County
Arts Council, 3 p.m. &
7:30 p.m., (336) 246-ARTS

Antiques & Collectibles Fair

May 13, Canton
Main and Park Street, 9 a.m.,
(828) 648-7925

The Garden Party

May 13, Canton
Street fair, corner of Sorrells and
Main Street, 10 a.m.,
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Mother's Day and Trees

May 14, Pisgah National Forest
Cradle of Forestry,
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May 20, Belmont
Grades 1-5, Daniel Stowe
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Migratory Bird Day

May 20, Pisgah National Forest
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Appalachian Quilt Show

May 20, West Jefferson
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Art in the Park

May 20, Blowing Rock
Juried art and craft show,
(828) 295-7851

Western Costume Contest

May 20, Blowing Rock
Tweetsie Railroad,
(828) 264-9061

Mountain Heritage Day

May 20, Sugar Grove
Bethel Elementary School,
11 a.m.-4 p.m., (828) 297-2240

Dew in the Valley

May 20-21, Maggie Valley
Arts and crafts festival, 10 a.m.,
(828) 926-9105

Bluegrass Band and Barbecue

May 21, Belmont
Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden,
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Southern Folkmedicine

May 21, Gastonia
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May 27, Olin
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May 27, Waynesville
Vance Street Park, 10 a.m.-
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May 27-28, Hendersonville
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May 29, Flat Rock
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May 6, Roxboro
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May 6, Efland
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May 6, Four Oaks
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May 12-14, Carthage
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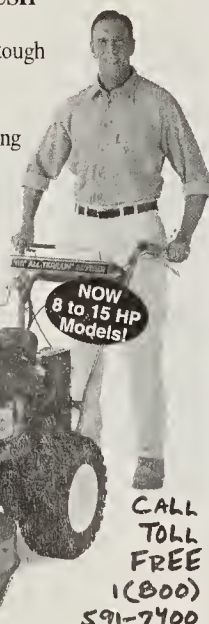
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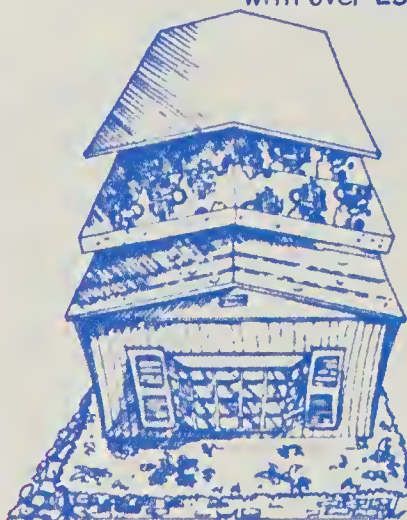
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N.C. Maritime Museum and
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Piano Concert

May 6, Wilmington
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May 6-7, Kinston
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Arts In These Parts

May 6-16, Wilmington
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Confederate Memorial Day

May 10, Fort Fisher
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May 11-14, 19-21,
Wilmington
Musical, Thalian Hall,
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May 13, Wilmington
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May 14, Wilmington
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May 26, Wilmington
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May 26-27, Warsaw
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Memorial Day Ceremony

May 27, Beaufort
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May 27, Creswell
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Memorial Day Ceremony

May 27, Harrells
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May 27, Aurora
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May 27, Ocracoke
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May 27, Rose Hill
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Spring Sing

May 27, Richlands
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May 27-28, Beaufort
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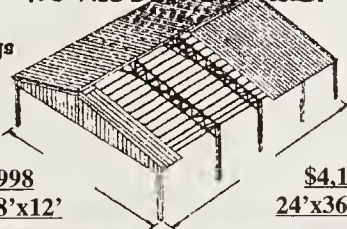
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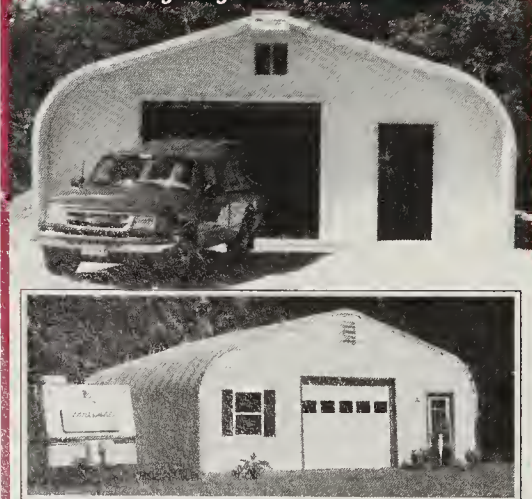
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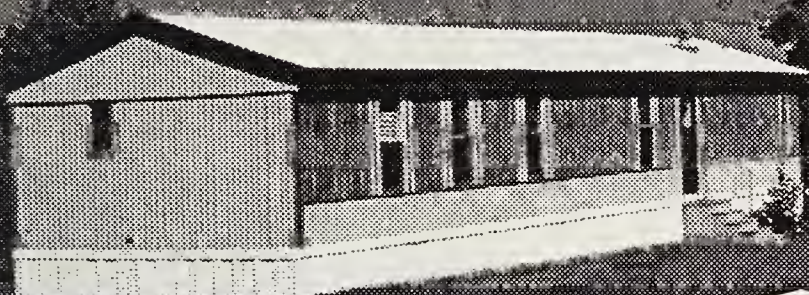
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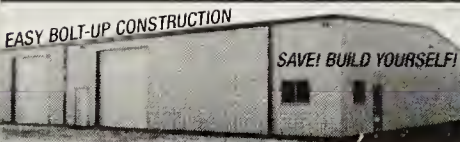
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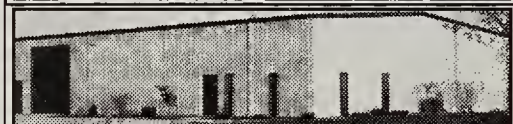
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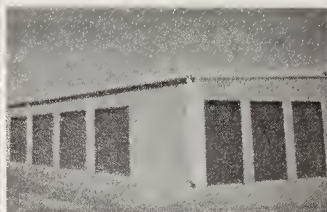
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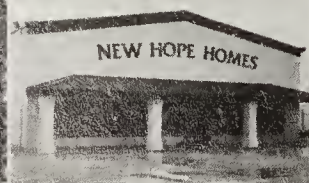
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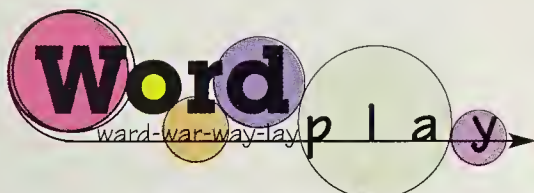
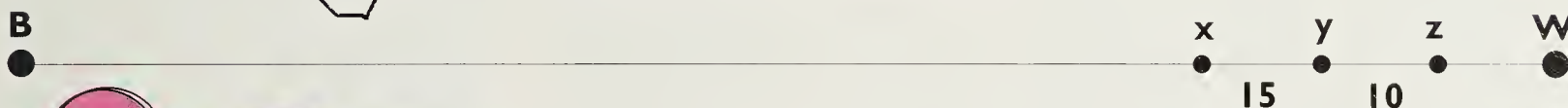
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Answers on page 61

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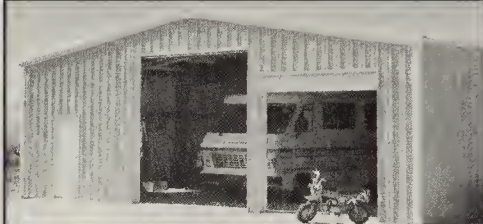
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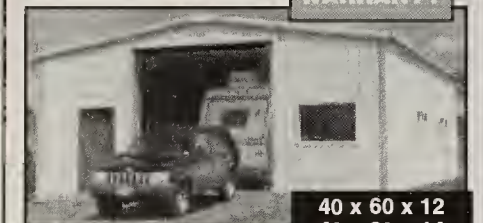
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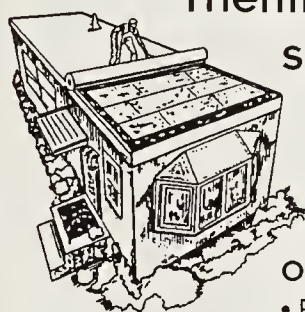


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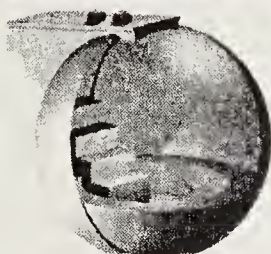
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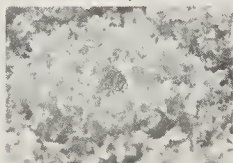
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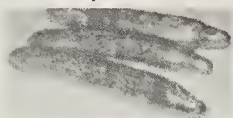
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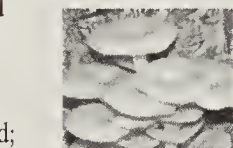
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HANK'S GARDENING GUIDE

By Hank Smith

May Musts

1. Fertilize lilacs with 8-8-8 commercial fertilizer or a similar evenly-balanced combination fertilizer. Every third spring, add 3 cups of agricultural lime under the canopy spread of each plant.
2. Feed peonies with complete fertilizer just as flower buds begin to appear and enlarge.
3. Plant an evergreen vine such as English ivy or Carolina jasmine along with clematis vine. This provides a green camouflage when clematis is bare of leaves in winter.
4. Make massed plantings of zinnias, marigolds and petunias. These most popular of annuals contribute summer-long color accents.
5. Stake tall-growing tomato plants, or place wire cages over them. As plants grow, secure them to the support with strips of sturdy cloth or discarded pantyhose.
6. A container of plants in full sun needs more water than when grown in a shady spot. Water a sunny container once a day during the hottest months.
7. Water-retaining polymers added to soil at planting for potted plants helps hold moisture.
8. To attract hummingbirds, bees, and butterflies, include bee balm in flower beds.
9. Cool-weather vegetable crops now being harvested should be followed by plantings of warm-weather ones like snap beans, squash, green beans, lima beans, okra, lettuce, tomatoes and beets.
10. For autumn color, set out chrysanthemums. Pinch their tips when plants are about six inches tall. This causes bushy plants and often increases flower production.
11. Plant outdoor tender bulbs such as tuberose, dahlia, gladiolus, caladium and canna lily.
12. Begonias grown from rhizomes hate soggy soil. They recover from drought more easily than from over watering. Rhizomatous begonias are especially effective in hanging baskets as they drape over the edges and sides.
13. As blooms fade, cut daffodils, tulips and hyacinths if not done earlier. Since foliage is manufacturing food for next year's growth, let it remain until leaves mature and turn brown or yellow.
14. Cut away suckers that grow from below the graft union of roses and fruit trees.

Now's prime time to prepare gardens for summer pleasures, and to formulate chores for autumn gardens.

Softwood cuttings are at proper maturity to be taken from mother plants to mature into indoor plants for winter. There's still time to prune spring-flowering shrubs in need of discipline and control. Oriental (or Japanese) magnolias can be layered to form new plants. Keep on the alert for invasions of insects and diseases, and control with sprays and dusts before they become serious pests—unless you practice organic gardening. If space is limited, plan a vegetable garden in containers.



Color up

Flower beds add color impact and accent to the overall landscape. In selecting plants for the flower garden, think in terms of bold swatches of reds, violets, oranges, mauves and pinks—not just in mixed colors of petunias and marigolds.



Consider harmony and contrast; using much of the first listed colors, and not too much of the latter. Imagine a color wheel of red, yellow and blue, with all the shades in between. Colors that clash are across from each other on the wheel. The most harmonious combinations are close to each other, such as red-and-purple, or purple-and-blue. White combines and accents with all colors, it intensifies the vividness of nearby blooms. As with gray foliage, white blooms make brightly-colored flowers look their best.

Vegetables

Days from seed to harvest: bush beans: 45-50; carrots: 65-80; beets: 50-60; cucumbers: 70-80; eggplant: 75-100; leaf lettuce: 30-35; mustard greens: 35-40; onions: 70-100; bell pepper: 110-120; radishes: 25-35; summer squash: 50-60; tomatoes: 55-100. These tolerate partial shade: beets, carrots, leaf lettuce, mustard greens, green onions, radishes. There is a vast selection of containers suitable for growing vegetables: bushel baskets, gallon cans, plastic tubs, wooden boxes, clay pots and others. Container size needed will vary with crop and space available for maturing plants. Example: 5 gallons of soil are needed for large-fruited tomatoes, bell peppers, egg plants. Six-inch pots are suitable for radishes and herbs.

Organic insecticide

Many pesky garden insects are repelled by using this mixture: In a blender (preferably an old one) combine one onion-skin, four cloves of garlic, and two cups of warm water. Allow to sit overnight. Then strain. Add mixture with half a gallon of water in a sprayer.

Pruning azaleas

Before mid-June, prune your azaleas if needed. Remove wayward shoots and branches, and any damaged wood. If more plants are desired, make cuttings of new tender growth at tips of branches. Cut diagonal just beneath a leaf joint. Treat cuttings with Rootone. Always sprinkle this root-inducing hormone in a saucer for use in treating cuttings, rather than dipping cuttings into a Rootone container. To do so can spread diseases from other plants.

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Across the State

Joynes's Corner Answers

Tin Roof Fudge Pie



1. Pie Shell:

- 2 squares (1 ounce each) semisweet baking chocolate
- 1 tablespoon butter (no substitutes)
- 1 pie crust shell (9 inches), baked

2. Peanut Layer:

- 20 caramels
- 1/3 cup whipping cream
- 1 - 1/2 cups salted peanuts

3. Chocolate Layer:

- 8 squares (1 ounce each) semisweet baking chocolate
- 2 tablespoons butter (no substitutes)
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- Whipped cream and salted peanuts, optional

4. Topping:

- 3 caramels
- 5 teaspoons whipping cream
- 1 tablespoon butter (no substitutes)

1. In a microwave or double boiler, melt chocolate and butter. Spread onto the bottom and up the sides of crust; refrigerate until the chocolate is set.

2. In a saucepan over low heat, melt caramels and cream, stirring frequently until smooth. Remove from heat; stir in peanuts. Spoon into pie shell; refrigerate.

3. In a small saucepan over low heat, melt chocolate and butter. Remove from the heat; let stand 15 minutes. Meanwhile, in a mixing bowl, beat cream and vanilla until soft peaks form. Carefully fold a third of the whipped cream into the chocolate mixture; fold in the remaining whipped cream. Spread over peanut layer; refrigerate until set. Garnish with whipped cream and peanuts if desired.

4. In a small saucepan over low heat, melt caramels, cream and butter. Drizzle over pie. Refrigerate until serving. Yield: 8-10 servings.

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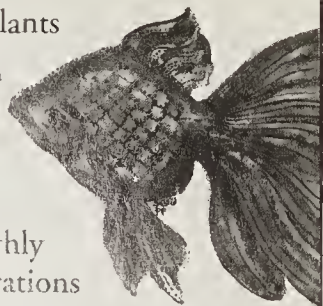
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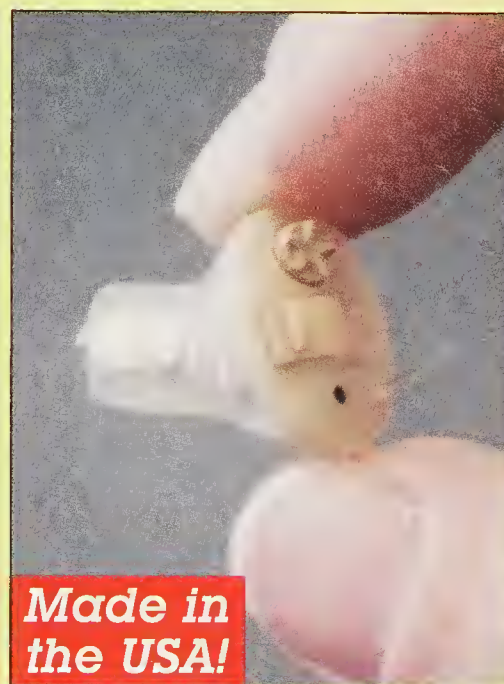
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